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TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, Aka., Frank Lipporette (True Name), Frank Lane		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY Jem
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REFERENCE: Bureau SAC, letter 61-50 dated 9/15/61.

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LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Will continue to conduct and report investigation concerning the background and activities of the subject.

An information copy of this report is being furnished to the San Francisco Office in view of the subject's periodic residence at Linden, California.

An information copy of this report is furnished to Indianapolis in view of indications that the

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subject controls some sections of Northern Indiana and further that it is expected that investigation will be required of that office in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Sources for all information have been identified when available. In some instances, the source cannot be identified and in other instances, the information is the result of combined investigation with other matters.

This report has been prepared in compliance with Bureau airtel dated February 7, 1961, entitled CRIMINAL INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM.

Information obtained from [] has been interpreted and paraphrased in order to protect the identity of this highly sensitive source. This report contains investigation and information obtained over the years and taken from the indices of the Chicago FBI.

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INFORMANTS

Informant

Chicago T-1

[REDACTED]

Chicago T-2

[REDACTED]

NATB

Sacramento, California
12/16/58 (by request)

Chicago T-3

[REDACTED]

Linden, California

Chicago T-4

Former [REDACTED]

Chicago T-5

[REDACTED] (NA)
Calumet City, Illinois
Police Department
(by request)

Chicago T-6

[REDACTED]

Security Office
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota
(by request)

Chicago T-7

[REDACTED]

PCI

Contacted By

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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Informant

Chicago T-8

[REDACTED]

Internal Revenue
Service Agent
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chicago T-9

[REDACTED]

PCI

Chicago T-10

[REDACTED]

Ex-SA
Thoroughbred Racing
Association

Chicago T-11

[REDACTED]

Chicago T-12

[REDACTED]

PCI

Chicago T-13

[REDACTED]

Chicago T-14

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Chicago T-15

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Chicago T-16

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Informant

Chicago T-17
[redacted]

Chicago T-18
[redacted]

Chicago T-19
[redacted]

Chicago T-20
[redacted]

(by request)

Contacted By

SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Date: November 30, 1961

Office: CHICAGO

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Field Office File No.: 92-920

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: FRANK LA PORTE, born 10/7/01, Sandrose, Italy, entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 8/20/13. He gained his United States citizenship on 9/30/26 at Chicago Heights, Illinois. In the late 1920's he instituted an association with JAMES EMERY. This partnership is known to have operated at least two houses of prostitution in Chicago Heights, Illinois. In the 1930's LA PORTE took over the operation of slot machines and handbooks in southern Cook County, Illinois. After service in the USN he returned to Chicago Heights and was instrumental in the operation of striptease and prostitution houses at Calumet City, Illinois. In 1947 in association with ANTHONY ACCARDO and JOHN PERRY he opened the "Owl Club", Calumet City, Illinois, which was considered to be the largest 24 hour gambling operation in the Chicago area. During this same period of time he consolidated the gambling empires of Blue Island, Illinois, controlled by BABE TUFFANELLI, and Joliet, Illinois, controlled by FRANCIS CURRY. LA PORTE's legitimate enterprises include the Co-operative Music Company and the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, which distribute phonographs, recordings, and tobacco vending machines in southern Cook County and Will County, Illinois, and Lake County, Indiana. LA PORTE reportedly controls most of the local officials in the Blue Island, Calumet City, and Chicago Heights areas. He is a known associate of individuals who control Chicago organized criminal activities and has been described as the overseer of southern Cook County for SAMUEL "MOONEY" GIANCANA, who is recognized as the leader of organized crime in Chicago. IN VIEW OF THE DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES OF LA PORTE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND
BACKGROUND

Birth

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Chicago, Illinois, advised IC [redacted] on July 17, 1959 that a search of INS records concerning FRANK LA PORTE reflect the following information:

LA PORTE was born October 7, 1901, Sandrose, Italy. He entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1913. On December 22, 1923, LA PORTE filed a Declaration of Intention for Naturalization, before the Superior Court of Cook County, 1243 Sangamon Avenue, Chicago. This reported petition was assigned number 751/160841. He listed his residence as 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and was assigned number 844/1334. He was naturalized in the City Court of Chicago Heights, Illinois, on September 30, 1926. There is no other information available in the files of INS.

Chicago T-1 stated that he has known LA PORTE for many years. He advised that LA PORTE was born in Calabria Providence, Italy. He came to the United States when he was 16 years old and is believed to be a naturalized citizen. Informant stated that LA PORTE's parents are deceased, he is married to a Rockford, Illinois girl, who is of questionable character. There are no children resulting from this marriage.

Marital Status

LA PORTE is married to MARGUERITE "Mickey" LA PORTE. Inquiries indicate that she was a Rockford,

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Illinois girl, while other investigation reflects that she is a sister or close relative of Chicago top hoodlum ANTHONY "Tony" ACCARDO, who is further identified hereafter in this report.

[redacted] Heights Clinic, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on December 10, 1958, advised that he had been Mrs. LA PORTE's personal physician for about five years. He stated that he knows little or nothing regarding FRANK LA PORTE. He described Mrs. LA PORTE as a very sick woman, who is nervous and constantly going down grade. Part of her trouble stems from the fact that she is childless and this has resulted in a highly unstable condition. She apparently has felt insecure and for some time has been drinking excessively to the point where she must be described as an alcoholic. Because of her condition, [redacted] issued instructions that Mrs. LA PORTE should not be left alone at any time, and on one occasion when her husband was leaving town, [redacted] recommended her confinement in a hospital. FRANK LA PORTE did not agree to this and hired a nurse to stay with her at the home. [redacted] advised that a [redacted] who lives in Mattison, Illinois, was presently staying with Mrs. LA PORTE and had been with her for approximately a month. He advised [redacted] is a registered nurse, who has stayed with Mrs. LA PORTE in the past. It should be noted that a 1954 Oldsmobile had been observed at the LA PORTE residence on previous occasions.

The registration of this automobile is listed to a [redacted] Mattison, Illinois. Efforts to locate this address proved that it was non-existent. Inquiry at the Chicago Heights Credit Bureau reflects that [redacted] a nurse, moved to [redacted] Mattison, Illinois.

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[redacted] advised on December 15, 1958 that she has been employed as a private nurse by Mrs. MICKEY LA PORTE for approximately five weeks. She lives at the LA PORTE residence on a 24 hour basis and there is no other person in the house. She advised that she has not seen nor heard from FRANK LA PORTE since she has been at the residence and has no idea as to where his present whereabouts might be. She suggested that he might possibly be in California since she has heard that he owns a home in that state.

[redacted] would not state the nature of Mrs. LA PORTE's illness other than it was a nervous condition. She said that Mrs. LA PORTE is afraid to be alone and very seldom leaves the inside of her home. When [redacted] must leave the LA PORTE house for a few hours, one of the sister-in-laws, who reside in the immediate area, replaces her. She stated that Mrs. LA PORTE never answers the door and seldom sees anyone other than the immediate family. She advised that there are no children in the home. She advised that she knows none of LA PORTE's associates and could not say whether he drives his own car or has a chauffuer.

Residences

Available records reflect that the subject has used the following residences throughout the years:

1730 Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois (current)

Route 1, Box 13-C
Linden, California

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Chicagoian Hotel
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Cipriani's Restaurant
Chicago Heights, Illinois

1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

412 East 22nd Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Hammond Hotel
Hammond, Indiana

Neighborhood

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] in 1959 that he has known the subject as a neighbor for several years. He has attended social functions held by the subject for the entire neighborhood, but he knows nothing of the subject's business activity other than the notoriety he has received in the newspapers. [redacted] has not seen the subject or his car at the house for months at a time and there is usually very little activity surrounding his residence. [redacted] advised that he does not know if the subject has children nor his wife's first or maiden name. He stated that she was ill and very seldom leaves the house.

[redacted] stated that LA PORTE is practically surrounded by his relatives. [redacted] a sister, lives adjacent to LA PORTE on the north, [redacted] FRANK FRANZE live across from LA PORTE and occupy homes adjacent to each other. All of these individuals are related to the subject through blood or marriage. The only non-relative in the immediate area is [redacted] who occupy a residence to the north of the subject. [redacted] is reportedly a close friend of Mrs. LA PORTE.

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[redacted]
[redacted] were contacted by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] on December 5, 1958.
[redacted] stated that she and MARGUERITE "Mickey"
LA PORTE were formerly good friends, but that recently
their relationship has cooled and they no longer
associate with each other. [redacted] stated
that "Mickey" LA PORTE is a "nervous wreck" and
spends much of her time inside the house. She stated
that she did not know what was causing her trouble,
but that she was becoming progressively worse. She
said that she does not see FRANK LA PORTE often
and that he spends considerable time in California.
He has some type of mining operation in that state,
but was unable to furnish any additional information
regarding it. [redacted] advised that
they knew nothing of LA PORTE's business activities,
that when he is at home, he departs at around 9:30 AM
and is usually accompanied by another man who drives
to his door to pick him up. They were unable to
recall any specific details regarding the cars owned
or used by LA PORTE, but believed he had two, one
a Pontiac and the other a dark colored Cadillac.
Neither of these individuals knew any pertinent
information regarding LA PORTE's habits, hangouts,
adding that as of late, they had very little to do
with either he or his wife. [redacted] stated
that he believed that [redacted]
LA PORTE's personal physician and could possibly be
of assistance. [redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] integrity and reputation were above reproach.

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Chicago T-2 advised that California
license AMK 496 was issued to FRANK LA PORTE, Route
1, Box 13-C, Linden, California. He advised that this
vehicle entered the State of California in September,
1957, having been transferred from the State of
Illinois. It formerly had an Illinois title in the
name of FRANK LA PORTE, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago
Heights, Illinois.

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Chicago T-3 advised on December 17, 1958 that [redacted] reside at Route 1, Box 13-C, Linden, California. Informant stated that FRANK LA PORTE also resides at that address from time to time and receives mail. Informant stated that [redacted] is a sister of FRANK LA PORTE and that about seven years ago when their home was being built, it was rumored in the community that their home was paid for by LA PORTE.

[redacted] Linden, California, advised that whenever FRANK LA PORTE was in the area he resides with his sister [redacted]. He stated that in December, 1958, that the [redacted] family left the area, stating that they intended to spend Christmas with [redacted] family back east. She had mentioned "the reason we are going is because the tickets had been sent to us." During their absence, BILL GUADAGNOLO, the father of [redacted] picks up the mail. He has observed that most mail from out of town is usually postmarked Homewood and Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Observation in the area where the [redacted] home is reflects that this is a rural area and only two houses are in sight of the residence, one of which is the home of [redacted].

On February 26, 1959, Illinois State Troopers, [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] at Chicago Heights, Illinois and advised that they had a state subpoena for FRANK LA PORTE. They stated that LA PORTE had been arrested recently on a traffic violation and at that time was driving a 1958 Cadillac. LA PORTE's home address on his driver's license was given as Cipriani's Restaurant located on Halsted Street, Chicago, Heights, Illinois.

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Chicago T-4 advised on November 30, 1959 that LA PORTE has an active account at Jack Fagman's Mens Store located in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. LA PORTE, who maintains a charge account, lists his home address as of November 16, 1959 as the Hammond Hotel, 22 State Street, Hammond, Indiana. Chicago T-4 further advised that LA PORTE at the Fagman Store uses the name FRANK LANE and listed a previous address as the Chicagoian Hotel, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Relatives

The following is a list of known close relatives of FRANK LANE:

Wife, MARGUERITE LA PORTE



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Chicago T-5 advised that ANTHONY FRANZE, also known as "Tony", resides Flossmoor, Illinois, weighs 210 pounds, height 6'1", is light complected and is approximately 51 years of age. He is married to the sister of FRANK LA PORTE and is in charge of the "syndicate" operations in Calumet City, Illinois. He also has control of the pinball machines in the Calumet City area. There is rumor that he will succeed FRANK LA PORTE in managing the organized crim operation in Calumet City. He has an interest in the Club Ron-da-Voo. He was formerly a labor-"goon" in Chicago.

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Chicago T-6 advised in December, 1959 that Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE registered at the Mayo Clinic on September 22, 1959 and was released on October 6, 1959. Her date of birth is listed as September 18, 1911 in Hungary. The referring doctor is Doctor ALBIN KRAINES, 30 North Michigan Avenue.

General Background Comments

Chicago T-7 advised on December 14, 1959 that the true name of FRANK LA PORTE is FRANK LIPPORRATI. He stated that he heard LA PORTE served in the United States Navy under his true name and allegedly held the rank of Seaman First Class. He was honorably discharged for being overage at Bremington, Washington, sometime in 1944.

On April 13, 1961, IC [] of the St. Louis FBI Office advised that a review of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflects that FRANK LA PORTE, SN 726531 enlisted in the United States Navy on October 27, 1942 and entered on active duty the same date at Chicago, Illinois. He was given an honorable discharge on November 9, 1944 as a Seaman First Class at Bremington, Washington by reason of convenience of the government by being over the age of 42. No reserve service was shown, he had no foreign service and his record failed to reflect the award of any medals, decorations or citations. His character and efficiency rating ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of court-martials or being AWOL. The following background and descriptive information is contained in the records:

Naturalized

Birth

9/13/26, at
Chicago, Illinois
10/8/01, Italy

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Height	5'5½"
Weight	184
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Heavy
Distinguishing Marks	1" scar upper right arm, ½" scar right ring finger
Education	5 years grammar school
Civilian Occupation	Cook
Military Occupation	Seaman
Address	412 East 22nd St. Chicago Heights, Ill. in 1944
Relatives	THERESA LA PORTE, mother, same address
Employments	Records reflect he owned two dairy farms near Beecher, Illinois in 1942
Photograph or Fingerprint Classification	Not available
Veterans Administration Claim Number	C4272259

II. ASSOCIATES

Chicago T-4 advised on January 15, 1960 that LA PORTE was in Jack Fagman's Inc., 108 West Randolph on December 18, 1959 at which time he purchased gift certificates indicating that they were for Christmas presents. The following persons and amounts were obtained by LA PORTE:



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Informant stated that LA PORTE paid cash for the above certificates and made several purchases for himself. He was accompanied by AL PILOTTO, who informant described as his bodyguard and chauffeur. Informant stated that no other information regarding the individuals given gift certificates was obtained.

Chicago T-4 advised that on October 27, 1960 ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO, also known as "Tony" and FRANK LA PORTE held a meeting in the private office of Jack Fagman's at 108 West Randolph. They remained approximately one hour and the purpose of the closed door conference was unknown to the informant. It was the first time that the informant recalls ACCARDO and LA PORTE being together.

On July 5, 1954, ACCARDO entertained at a barbeque party at his home, 915 Franklin Street, River Forest, Illinois. Members of [redacted] conducted a surveillance in the neighborhood and noted the license numbers of various cars who attended this party during the course of the day and evening. They were not all present at the same time, but since the party was on an open house basis, they attended sometime during the day or evening. Included was a car registered to FRANK LA PORTE. Various sources have indicated that LA PORTE and ACCARDO are partners in a gambling club in Calumet City, Illinois known as the Owl's Club.

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ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO is a former member of the AL CAPONE empire and continued his criminal activities until the early 1940's when he rose to power as a leader of the Chicago underworld. He continued as the leader until the middle 1950's. On November 11, 1960, he was convicted of internal revenue violation and sentenced to six years imprisonment and a \$15,000 fine. This conviction is presently under appeal.

On May 21, 1955, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Police Department, furnished a letter to the commanding officer of the Police Department which set forth the following information:



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SAMUEL "Mooney" GIANCANA has been reported by several reliable sources to be the present leader of organized criminal activity in the Chicago area. He is considered to have replaced TONY ACCARDO in approximately 1955. Other individuals listed above are all well known hoodlums who date back to Prohibition Days of the AL CAPONE criminal empire. Other sources

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including [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, advised that FRANK LA PORTE is known to be a very close associate of JOSEPH PAUL GLIMCO. JOSEPH PAUL GLIMCO is President of Local 777, Taxi Cab Drivers Union, in Chicago. He is described as the contact man for the organized criminal element in all types of labor disputes and matters in the Chicago area. He is closely associated with known top hoodlums of the Chicago area such as TONY ACCARDO, SAM GIANCANA, FRANK FERRARO and GUS ALEX.

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On November 7, 1961, it was learned from an anonymous source that JOHN ROBERTS of Chicago Heights had died. He was described as a "syndicate" member and a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE. The source advised that all of the top hoodlums in the Chicago Heights area were attending the wake at the West End Funeral Home, 13th and Otto Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. In the late 1920-s and early 1930-s DOMINICK ROBERTI, also known as DOMINICK ROBERTS, a brother of JOHN ROBERTS, was associated with FRANK LA PORTE and VINCINZU AMMARETTO, also known as JIM EMERY in several houses of prostitution in the Chicago Heights area. ROBERTI was deported to Italy in 1932 and during the time that hoodlum TONY ACCARDO and Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Police Department, were on tour of Europe, they visited Rome and at that time DOMINICK ROBERTI and JOHN ROBERTS stayed in the same hotel with ACCARDO.

The following list of license numbers were obtained by SA [redacted] during the wake of JOHN ROBERTS: (Illinois plates unless otherwise stated)

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213-195

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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947-403

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NA 1238

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

LF 2358

[REDACTED]
Elmwood Park,

KT 8128

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

KC 4942

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

936-870

[REDACTED]
Evergreen Park

MF 1235

[REDACTED]
Skokie

930-889

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

KY 7440

[REDACTED]

KH 7584

[REDACTED]
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NB 4431

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

KH 7536

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

JK 2698

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NA 1094

[REDACTED]
Steger, Illinois

KD 1758

[REDACTED]
S. Chicago Heights

FL 2629

[REDACTED]
South Chicago Heights

MP 6019

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NB 4382

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

CH 7982

[REDACTED]
Glenwood

KT 2024

[REDACTED]

DN 1667

[REDACTED]
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KJ 7122

[REDACTED]
Crete

981-856

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

KN 9565

[REDACTED]
Lansing

KK 8068

[REDACTED]
Matteson

995-508

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

ND 3003

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

HJ 4331

NORTELL OLDSMOBILE INC.
1655 S. Cicero Avenue
Cicero

686-488

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

MJ 1327

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Chicago Heights

HM 1327

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JN 4759

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KW 5386

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KL 1280

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Chicago Heights

KL 8275

[REDACTED]

Steger

KW 6675

[REDACTED]

Chicago Heights

964-033

[REDACTED]

Chicago Heights

958-386

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Chicago Heights

56-137

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Chicago Heights

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Flossmoor

KH 7504

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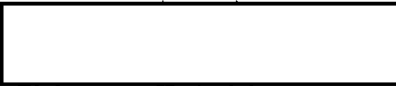
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East Chicago, Indiana

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Chicago Heights

NB 4618



Chicago Heights

HE 4638



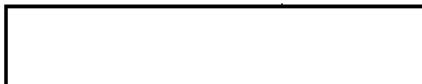
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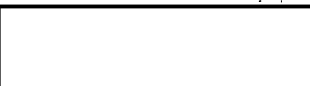
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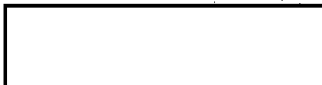
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KK 4701



Chicago Heights

NF 6520



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Courtesy Lease Save Plan Inc.
2148 S. Canalport

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CP 2702

(Indiana)

Cedar Lake, Ind.

938-563

Chicago Heights

537-443

Chicago Heights

DN 1667

Chicago Heights

NB 4453

Chicago Heights

908-171

Blue Island

L 61773

(Wisconsin)

Chicos Bar-B-Q
1550 N. Farwell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

DN 2419

Crete

GT 8171

KW 4264

Lansing

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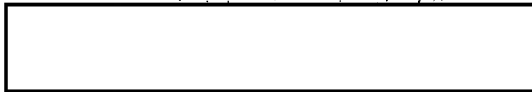


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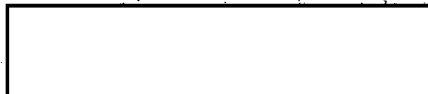
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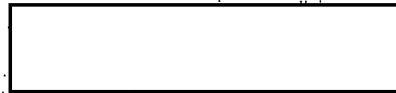
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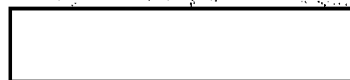
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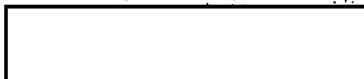
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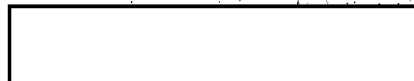
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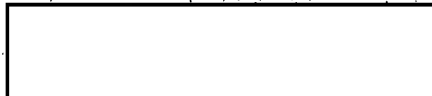
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Park Forest

DN 8596



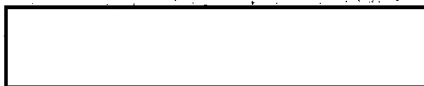
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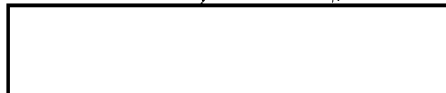
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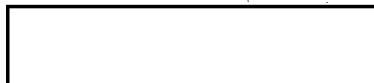
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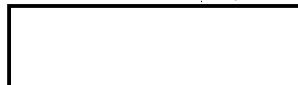
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Chicago T-4 advised on July 30, 1959, the records of Fagman's Incorporated reveal that JOHN ROBERTS is an Italian, from Chicago Heights, Illinois and had been in the store and had purchased \$500 worth of merchandise. Informant stated that ROBERTS and FRANK LA PORTE have had previous telephone contacts and recalled that LA PORTE gave a \$100 gift certificate to JOHN ROBERTS during December, 1958. ROBERTS resides at 825 Luther Lane, Chicago Heights, Illinois and is the owner and operator of Necastro's, a restaurant having locations at 275 East 17th Street and 412 East 22nd Street, in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Chicago T-1 advised that JOHN ROBERTS of Chicago Heights, Illinois, is a racketeer who is a partner of LA PORTE in most of his illegal activities. He described ROBERTS as an Italian of 60 years of age, very large in stature and speaks very little English. His brother, DOMINIC ROBERTS was also in the "rackets" but was deported to Italy approximately 30 years ago.

The "Chicago Daily News" of April 9, 1960, contained an article captioned "County Gaming Thieves". The article concerned GEORGE BABE TUFFANELLI of Chicago Heights, Illinois. The article reads in part as follows:

"TUFFANELLI is allied with the Chicago Heights mob headed by FRANKIE LA PORTE of Flossmoor, and RALPH EMERY, whose father, JAMES EMERY, was the Southern Cook County gambling boss until his death.

"TUFFANELLI admits he is a friend of FRANK LA PORTE, who is now vacationing in California. He and LA PORTE were kicked out of that state a few years ago and went down to look over some property in Las Vegas.

"LA PORTE was in bookmaking, prostitution and gambling in the south end of the county. When he showed promise, TONY ACCARDO picked him up. They owned the Owl

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Club in Calumet City, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which sued them for \$150,000 in back taxes from the club.

"When TUFFANELLI was asked about the Corral, saloon-restaurant-handbook at Vermont and Ashland, Calumet Park, he said he built the place.

"TUFFANELLI said that he built the Corral 'on contract' for unnamed owners.

"Reportedly the Calumet City mob (ACCARDO - LA PORTE) owned it.

"Asked who owned the 'Casino' in the rear of the place, TUFFANELLI said 'Would you mind very much if I didn't answer that?'"

Chicago T-9 advised on May 19, 1958, that ALFRED PILOTTO was the President of the International Brotherhood of Hod Carriers, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He stated that PILOTTO formerly was the body guard of JAMES EMERY, who is presently deceased and is currently a body guard and close associate of FRANK LA PORTE, who is the head of the syndicate involving gambling around Calumet City and Chicago Heights, Illinois. LA PORTE also has slot machines, juke boxes, horse bet places, cigarette and rubber goods dispensers in the two above mentioned towns.

Chicago T-6 advised that ALFRED PILOTTO residing on Country Club Drive, Olympia Fields, Illinois, registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, November 7, 1959, and was dismissed on November 11, 1959. His first visit to the Mayo Clinic had been on February 6, 1946, and has been there on four other occasions. His wife is DIVA PILOTTO; his date of birth is listed as January 6, 1911, Chicago, Illinois; occupation union president; background has three brothers and a sister, all living. He is reportedly a friend of FRANK LA PORTE

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of the Chicago area. His reason for coming to the clinic was listed as nervous condition, general check up.

Chicago T-7 advised on March 25, 1959, that he had observed LOUIS PILOTTO driving a new Ford bearing California license. He did not observe LA PORTE in the car but knows that PILOTTO is a body guard for LA PORTE and has a brother who is president of the International Hod Carriers Union in Chicago Heights.

It is noted that LOUIS PILOTTO, body guard for LA PORTE, was observed on December 4, 1958, by SA [redacted] driving his 1959 Ford, bearing 1958 California License number AMK496.

A review of the Division of Motor Vehicles Registration in California revealed that this license was issued to FRANK LA PORTE, Route 1, Box 13C, Sacramento, California on a 1959 Ford.

Chicago T-4 advised on October 15, 1959, that LOUIS and ALFRED PILOTTO visited with LA PORTE while the three of them spent considerable time with [redacted]. The informant stated that a \$30.00 carriage blanket was sent to the home of LOUIS PILOTTO as a personal present from [redacted]. The informant was of the opinion that this was a baby gift from [redacted]. The informant stated that PILOTTO and LA PORTE are very close friends of [redacted] and often use his store as headquarters when they are in the Chicago Loop area.

Chicago T-4 advised on February 16, 1960, that AL PILOTTO, personal body guard of FRANK LA PORTE, had received three telephone calls while at [redacted] store. On one occasion, the caller asked for either

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AL PILOTTO or "Toots". The source was of the opinion that the name "Toots" applied to "TOOTS" PALERMO.

Chicago T-6 advised that DOMINIC "TOOTS" PALERMO of Calumet City, Illinois, registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota on November 7, 1959. He was dismissed on November 11, 1959. His date of birth was listed as January 15, 1910; wife BETTY; occupation manager-operator of Horn Palace; background has seven brothers and sisters, living; reason for coming to clinic was general physical examination.

Informant stated that PALERMO was accompanied to Rochester by ALFRED PILOTTO and that the two of them stayed at Mafey's Guest Home, 1301 S.W. 2nd Street, Rochester, which is operated by [redacted] an Italian who is close friends with PALERMO and PILOTTO.

Chicago T-10 advised SA [redacted] on June 23, 1959, that he observed [redacted] at Washington Park Race Track, Homewood, Illinois, with [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. The informant stated that SAM is the brother of JOE GUZZINO, who is said to be the right hand man of FANK LA PORTE. [redacted] is the owner of Uptown Florists, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] Passport Office, Department of State advised SA [redacted] on March 3, 1959, at Washington, D. C. that JOSEPH GUZZINO was last issued Chicago Series passport 813096 on March 20, 1958, for proposed two months' travel to Italy to visit relatives. The passport was valued for two years' travel to all countries except those under Communist control. It is noted that under current passport regulations such passport may be used by bearer for lawful travel during period of validity whenever and as often as desired without further prior notification to Department of State or other Government agency.

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This individual stated he was born March 16, 1899, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, and furnished permanent residence as 1065 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. He stated he was last married on January 5, 1951 to [redacted] born Frankfort, Michigan, [redacted]. He had previously listed on another application that he was married on September 20, 1921, to IRENE GUZZINO, who was then residing in Chicago. He indicated this marriage terminated by divorce in July, 1948.

He described himself as white, male, American, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", gray hair, hazel eyes, occupation tavern owner, salesman.

It is noted that GUZZINO's file had been reviewed by officers of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in July, 1953 and November, 1958.

Chicago T-6 advised that JOSEPH GUZZINO, 1065 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet Park, Illinois, registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota on June 7, 1956. He came with a brother who had heart surgery so he decided to go through the clinic. His wife was listed as [redacted]. His date of birth was given as March 17, 1899, place of birth New Orleans, Louisiana. Under background he claimed to have one brother and two sisters living and that he has two daughters. Under partnership he listed the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, is described as an associate of FRANK LA PORTE. CURRY is further described as a close associate who handles most of the gambling and other illegal activities of the LA PORTE mob in the Joliet, Illinois, area. This includes handbooks and cigarette machines.

On February 11, 1959, Chicago T-4 advised that LA PORTE made two telephone calls to Streator, Illinois,

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These numbers in Streator were 4-7022 and 3-3181. It was determined that the first telephone number is listed to VICTOR GREENFIELD, 221 South Monroe, age 45, runs a clothing business in Streator known as "Adele's". According to the information developed, GREENFIELD comes from wealthy parents and is fond of gambling. In April, 1951, he filed a suit to recover \$7,700 which he claimed he lost in the Para - Dice Lounge, operated by [redacted] of [redacted] Illinois. Further information developed that GREENFIELD reflected a gambling loss of \$1,000 during the course of one evening.

He has cashed bad checks at the Golden Nugget and Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nevada and has allegedly been involved in several gambling expeditions.

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The other telephone is an unlisted number for [redacted] Streator, Illinois. This individual operates the Club Grove Supper Club near Streator and it is reported that this establishment has been raided on several occasions for after hours operations. Allegations are that black jack and other types of gambling are indulged in at this club and that in July, 1958, the Treasury Department filed a lien against the property for \$600. The state of Illinois is also reported to have many liens filed against the property. On February 1, 1959, the club was closed and ordered not to reopen.

On February 18, 1959, Chicago T-4 advised that AL PILOTTO, mentioned above, maintains an account at Fagman's Men Store under the name ARCHIE POLN, listing his address as 1541 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. In addition, the informant stated that on his bill there appeared a notation "Hamilton Hotel" which indicated to the informant that this was his possible current address.

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Inquiry at the Hamilton Hotel on February 19, 1959, failed to reflect any information concerning LA PORTE or POLN as being guests of the hotel.

Chicago T-11 advised SA [] that an acquaintance known to him as [] (Phonetic) allegedly operates a gambling joint some place in Northern Indiana and is presently under indictment in Lake County, Indiana. This individual recently informed the informant that he borrowed \$25,000 from FRANKIE LA PORTE in order that he could rebuild his gambling house which had burned down within the past six months.

[] also indicated that his partner was [] former member of the German - American Bund, who is currently under indictment for murder in Cook County, Illinois.

An article appeared in the "Chicago Heights Star" a daily newspaper on November 3, 1960, entitled "Inspector of Subdivisions is Appointed". The article reflects that DOMINICK FRANZE had assumed the duties of subdivision inspector in Chicago Heights. FRANZE's duties would include inspection of new subdivisions to see that improvements conform to city regulations.

It is pointed out that FRANZE is a brother of TONY and FRANK FRANZE who are relatives by marriage, and partners of FRANK LA PORTE.

One of the FRANZES was convicted by the Springfield Division about three years ago for a violation of the Anti-Racketeering Act in that he was shaking down contractors on Government projects.

Acting Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [] that John's Pizzeria was licensed in the name of []. The Chief advised that in

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the late 1930s, [] who had never been known to have used another name in Calumet City shot and killed one FRANK PALKO. On a plea of self-defense he beat the case. PALKO was [] in his own tavern and the dispute was allegedly over a woman.

The Chief advised that regular meetings used to be held every Thursday night in the basement of the Pizzeria and among those in attendance was FRANK LA PORTE. Included in others attending was []

and TONY FRANZE. It is noted that all these individuals are either the owners or operators of the infamous State Street strip joints and prostitution houses in Calumet City, Illinois. In addition, on various occasions, the Chief indicated that the "big shots" of the Chicago syndicate were also alleged to have attended the meetings held in the Pizzeria.

Chicago T-1 advised that another close associate of FRANK LA PORTE is [] (Phonetic), who now resides in Miami, Florida. [] is the former owner of the 4 Aces in Calumet City, which was a former gambling casino and that he has a brother named [] who operates a tavern at 14th and Arnold in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

The informant advised that [] is the reported owner of the Riptide Club in Calumet City, Illinois. This club for many years has been a front for prostitution and striptease operators. The informant observed [] and LA PORTE in a conference at a Christmas party in December, 1958. The informant reported that LA PORTE is the actual owner of the Riptide and [] merely operates it for LA PORTE's benefit.

Chicago T-4 advised on April 27, 1960, that FNU [] telephone number TOrrence 2-9631 contacted [] Incorporated, at which time he asked to speak to FRANK LA PORTE. When he was advised that

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LA PORTE was not there, he became upset and requested that LA PORTE call him at the above number should he contact Fagman's.

[redacted] operates a jewelry store at 67 Illinois Street, in the Victoria Hotel Building in Chicago Heights, Illinois. It was reported by the Chicago Heights Credit Bureau that this business is carried on with the support of old time mobsters which includes EMERY and FRANK LA PORTE.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

On March 11, 1958, [redacted] described the "syndicate" as a group of men, joined together in a group, highly organized, who have "muscle" their way into control of gambling and so forth. He stated that in the Calumet City and Chicago Heights area, the syndicate consisted of FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO, JOE GUZZINO, PETE ZARANTE and RALPH EMERY. This organization cooperates with the syndicate in Chicago, Detroit and Springfield, Illinois. The other groups have no "jurisdiction" in Calumet City.

The "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, dated June 20, 1959, contained an article captioned, "Grand Juries Talk, Cal City Sin Stays and Frankie La Porte, Crime Boss, Gets Rich". The article reads in part as follows:

"The loot was evil enough. Three grand juries are still considering it.

"Knock-out drops, pornographic pictures, black-jacks, guns and girls, all spewed out in a recent raid on Calumet City by state's attorney's police.

"But grand juries have clucked before. While sin has flourished 50 years in the suburb's strip dens.

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"Prostitution is a \$3 million proposition in the buck-a-beer wiggle palaces.

"The current grand juries want to know: Who's getting rich?

"The answer: An obscure hoodlum who wraps himself in the splendor of \$200 suits.

"It is quite possible none of the juries will get him. He had avoided always the scrapes that keep his gangland buddies in public print.

"He is FRANKIE LA PORTE, crime syndicate boss of Calumet City.

"Cal City police say so. So do the strippers.

"Despite the whispered notoriety, not a single law enforcement agency had snapped LA PORTE's picture. And there's no available record of an arrest, let alone a conviction.

"How has LA PORTE, gambler, vice-king and ex-bootlegger, escaped the spotlight?

"LA PORTE had fancy diggings in south suburban Flossmoor. His home appears to be in the \$50,000 class.

"LA PORTE did not come to the door when a daily newspaper reporter rang the bell. From a neat little group of homes occupied by LA PORTE's relatives on exclusive Cambridge Avenue, just east of Flossmoor County Club, came a red-headed woman and a man across the street and shouted at the reporter.

"LA PORTE's home is garnished with clusters of floodlights bolted under the eaves.

"The lights are not for summertime cook-outs.

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"You never know who's coming around", the angry neighbor volunteered to a reporter. I had a gun out last night. We heard noises."

"What does LA PORTE fear?

"An investigator said, 'You don't get to be gambling boss of southern Cook County without making enemies.'

"LA PORTE takes elaborate pains to conceal his holdings. He reportedly controls at least three Class A (open until 4 AM) strip houses on Calumet City's lurid State Street.

"These are the Kollies Bergere, 21 Club and Show Club. Tax bill for the Follies is sent to FRANK FRANZE at the Owl Club, a now defunct Cal City gambling joint in which LA PORTE had an interest.

"FRANZE is a brother-in-law of LA PORTE and lives in the tight little island of expensive hoodlum homes in Flossmoor.

"He is reportedly next to LA PORTE in power in southern Cook County.

"LA PORTE and his friend, TONNY ACCARDO, syndicate chief burst into print about four years ago in a tax battle with the government. LA PORTE owned 25% of the Owl Club.

"In 1955 LOUIS "Little New York" CAMPAGNA died of a heart attack.

"LA PORTE was spot promoted over heads of several higher-ups to fill CAMPAGNA's shoes and became top aide to ACCARDO, his mentor and friend.

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"But LA PORTE held onto his Calumet City honky-tonks where liquor and sin wreck the lives of hundreds of girls, but keep the bosses in Cadillacs and fancy tax brackets. "

[redacted] was interviewed at the Cook County Jail, on January 21, 1960, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised that the "syndicate" man in Calumet City is FRANK LA PORTE and that he controls vice in that area. He stated that LA PORTE and his body guard made weekly visits to Ciro's to collect their "pay offs". He recalled on one occasion while he was manager of Ciro's, LA PORTE came into the club and BILL JOHNSON, SR., the owner, told him to go to the safe and get \$25.00 plus an envelop which was in the safe and give both of these to LA PORTE. [redacted] later told him that he gave LA PORTE \$250.00 a week to operate.

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[redacted] is the brother of [redacted] and [redacted] has been a long time installer and repairman of slot machines for the LA PORTE organization. COSMO ZARANTE was killed about two months ago when he stepped into the side of a truck. He is the brother of PETER ZARANTE, who is presently a partner in the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company as well as the Cooperative Music Company, according to established records.

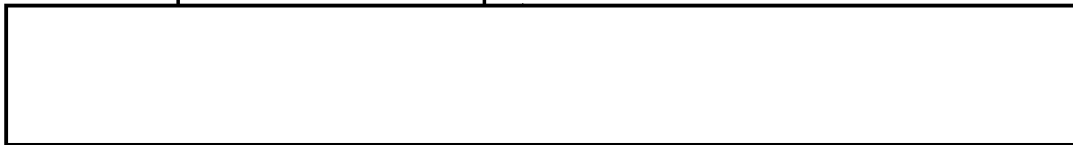
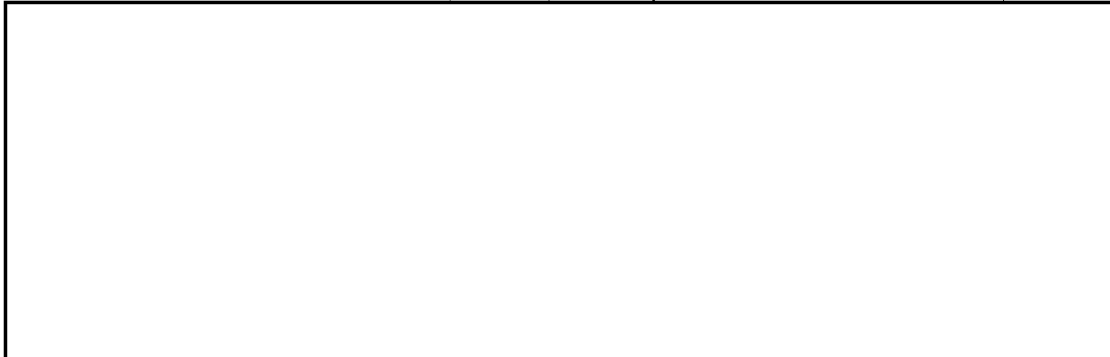
It is noted that the ZARANTES are close relatives of FNU ZARANTE who is the health inspector for the City of Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] is an employee of FRANK LA PORTE and can be frequently observed in the Cooperative Music Company. [redacted] and [redacted] of Cicero, Illinois, are unknown.

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CG T-12 advised on September 2, 1958, that the Owl Club in Calumet City had been closed down as a gambling spot. He said that the Four Aces at 204 State Street, was the big "syndicate" gambling spot at present. Informant pointed out that the 21 Club is partially owned by FRANK LA PORTE.

In February, 1958, FRANK LA PORTE, when interviewed regarding another matter, admitted part ownership of the Owl Club, Calumet City. He admitted to gambling activities in connection with this club.

Officer [redacted] who has a reputation for honesty in the Calumet City Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on an unknown date that the Owl Club was out of bounds for any member of the Calumet City Police Department. He stated that no officer would dare conduct a raid on this place on his own. He stated that these orders came directly

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from STANLEY BEJGER, Mayor of Calumet City. [redacted] in order to show the influence that the owners of the Owl Club have in Calumet City, advised that in March, 1958, a colored employee of the Club was showing his girl friend a gun in the Club, shot and killed her. He advised that FRANK LA PORTE, one of the owners, came to Calumet City and in a closed conference with Chief HENRY WLEKINSKI and Officer [redacted] the report was doctored up to show that the shooting occurred in the alley behind the Owl Club and not in the Club itself. The man doing the shooting was then charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits and was subsequently discharged in local court.

SA [redacted] learned that the Club handled over \$3,500,000 worth of bets in 1957 and that the Club continues to operate nightly, unmolested by local, county, or state officials.

The May, 1958, issue of "Male" Magazine, published in New York City, contained an article entitled "TONY STONEFACE ACCARDO - Is He the New AL CAPONE?" The article states in part that ACCARDO "JOE BATTERS", has a bluebird on his hand, lives in a \$650,000 palace, always sends the biggest wreaths of gangland funerals. The article contains ACCARDO's history and in part reads, TONY moved into Calumet City back in 1936 when he was only a medium-sized shot in the outfit. He bought an interest in a \$.50 bet handbook in a large store building. It cost him \$1,000 and a ROCKEFELLER or MORGAN never made a better investment. He and his partner, FRANK LA PORTE, had the place cleaned up and decorated. They put in roulette wheels, dice tables, and poker games. They called it the Owl Club because it never closes and it became a bonanza.

CG T-7 advised on January 23, 1959, that FRANK LA PORTE, part-owner of the Owl Club, was moving his operation to the Corrall located at 12880 South Ashland Avenue, just outside Calumet Park, Illinois. The Corrall was allegedly

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owned by BABE TUFFENELLI, reputed syndicate gambling boss of Blue Island and Calumet Park, Illinois. LA PORTE allegedly put \$40,000 into the Corral in remodeling the restaurant and has enlarged the back rooms for his gambling operation. Informant stated that [redacted] LA PORTE's nephew, who operated the Tower Restaurant in Chicago Heights, hired all the Corral Restaurant's help and managed the setting up of the restaurant part of the building.

CG T-13 advised SA [redacted] that FRANK LA PORTE's illegal activities include a very large area and he reportedly gets a cut of the proceeds from the houses of prostitution at Momence in Kankakee, Illinois. This source stated that LA PORTE and his associates who include some of the top hoodlums from Chicago, reportedly meet at the Copa Cabana on Route 1, just north of Chicago Heights.

An anonymous source called the Chicago Office on September 26, 1959, complaining about the obscene movies that are being sold and shown at the Penny Arcade, 12 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. The source advised that LA PORTE is the boss and that the night spot owners take orders directly from him. He stated that TOOTS PALERMO was the "straw boss" under LA PORTE and that AL PILLOTTA and TONY FRANZE worked for LA PORTE in the Calumet City area. BABE TUFFENELLI runs things for LA PORTE in Blue Island and Calumet Park, Illinois.

CG T-14 on May 5, 1958, advised that she has been around Calumet City for the past 13 years and has worked on the street most of this time. She advised that most of the strip joints are controlled by the syndicate. The syndicate makes the rules for the places and they were actually enforced without question. She advised that FRANK LA PORTE is the head of the syndicate along with his son-in-law, TONY FRANZE, who is considered second in command. She further stated that the two individuals are not openly shown as being connected with any of the strip places on the street with the exception of the Follies, which is actually managed by

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TONY FRANZE. She further stated that LA PORTE and FRANZE took a dim view on anyone who becomes involved in any Federal cases and that they usually make it "hot" for them.

CG T-5 advised in 1953 that FRANK LA PORTE and JAMES EMERY had previously operated a bookmaking place called the Big House located at 5 Plummer Street, Calumet City, and that whenever the heat was on they would move their operations to the Four Aces, the Ron-Da-Vou Tavern, or Turf Club, all located in Calumet City. According to this source, they did not have wire service but had a direct telephone line to Chicago Heights from which they would receive the results of the races. Informant stated that LA PORTE and EMERY have been suppressing this type of gambling since they are afraid of further investigation. Prior to this time, they would be in Calumet City all the time but lately they have not been seen around that locality.

Officer [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised in 1953, that LA PORTE operates and owns the Cooperative Music Store on Halsted Street, Chicago Heights. LA PORTE and JAMES EMERY are the men who operate the handbooks in the Chicago Heights, Stegger, and Calumet City, Illinois areas.

On October 1, 1944, the following information was set forth regarding organized gangs and mobs in Chicago Heights: It has been determined that at the present time there are no houses of prostitution, no slot machines, no gambling or bookie joints operating in the City of Chicago Heights. However, there exists in Chicago Heights a so-called syndicate which formerly controlled the operation of all these activities in and around the area. This organization is attempting to gain control of Calumet City to replace their activities which formerly took place in and around Chicago Heights. The syndicate was formerly controlled by one SAM COSTELLO of Chicago Heights, however, about six years ago, COSTELLO was murdered. Immediately after his death, JIMMY EMERY took over as its head. EMERY, whose real name is VINCENZO AMMERATO, is alleged to have formerly been a pimp and to have controlled several houses of prostitution as well as

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worked in the gambling racket before taking over the whole syndicate. The front man for this group was formerly one FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago Heights, however, since the activities of this group have been curtailed, LA PORTE has entered the United States Navy enlisting on October 27, 1942.

Police Protection and Political Ties

CG T-15 advised during the fall of 1960, that SAM GIANCANA was making grandiose plans for the replacement of individuals holding state political appointed jobs, particularly with the State Police set up, in view of the recent election in which the incumbent Republican administration for Illinois was defeated. It was indicated to the informant that FRANK LA PORTE named by the informant as a representative of the GIANCANA element in southern Cook County, Illinois, as of that time was situated well with the State Police organizational set up in southern Cook County, particularly through [redacted]

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Informant stated that [redacted] was placed in charge of all gambling and vice in the northern part of Illinois, which according to this informant, gave LA PORTE more or less of a free hand. It was indicated to the informant that [redacted] received a considerable amount of money on a monthly stipend for services he performed for the interests of GIANCANA, LA PORTE, and others.

CG T-15 stated that the jurisdiction of [redacted] was a little more than he could handle at the time so that [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois State Highway Police covering Elgin, Illinois, and the northeast sections of the State. Informant indicated that [redacted] in turn performed services and was on the payroll of JOSEPH AMATO and WILLIAM DADDANO.

CG T-15 advised in the fall of 1960, that the problem LA PORTE had with his police relations in southern Cook County

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lay in the fact that in paying off certain police officials in his area the problem mushroomed to the point that it was necessary to pay off all the way down the line from captains to patrolmen. This cut considerably into the profits of the group furthering their illegal activities in that area, but it was decided, according to this informant, that this was a necessary evil.

CG T-15 advised in the fall of 1960 that [redacted] Illinois State Highway Police, Joliet, Illinois, had been moved recently from his position as [redacted] to his present position primarily because of the fact that [redacted] had become perturbed that [redacted] had not been giving him, [redacted] his fair share of the payoff from persons engaged in illegal activities in the southern Cook County area. It was stated that in addition to gambling activities, [redacted] collected from houses of prostitution, overweight trucks, and any other situation where an illegal operation was in progress.

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CG T-15 said that [redacted] for example received \$1,850 per month in the form of payoff from EDWARD VOGEL, FRANK LA PORTE and ROBERT ANSANI. The informant described VOGEL as the coin machine operator connected with GIANCANA and others and said that ROBERT ANSANI was a representative of GIANCANA in gambling enterprises in Cicero, Illinois. Informant continued that FRANK LA PORTE had intimated that extra income could be derived by sharing the payoff which [redacted] has been getting for quite some time from overweight trucking operations in northern Illinois which amounted to an estimated quarter of a million dollars per year.

COSMO ZARANTE, who has a brother presently connected with the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company and the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, are relatives of FNU ZERANTE, who is a health inspector for the City of Chicago Heights, Illinois. The ZARANTES have long been known as close associates in illegal activities sponsored by FRANK LA PORTE.

On November 7, 1961, at the wake of one JOHN ROBERTS, who has previously been described as a close associate

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of FRANK LA PORTE, Sergeant [] alleged "bagman" for the Chicago Heights Police Department was observed directing traffic at the funeral home. It was also noticed that Sergeant [] of the Homewood, Illinois Sheriff's Office was assisting him. Officers of the Chicago Heights Police Department stated that Sergeant [] has no jurisdiction over traffic in the city limits of Chicago Heights and if he was directing traffic, was not doing so at the official request of the police department.

CG T-16 advised on April 29, 1955, that FRANK LA PORTE continues to be the big syndicate man for all of southern Cook County. He stated that shortly before the last Sheriff's election, he went to LA PORTE's office. He advised that FRANK LA PORTE, JOHN JARANOWSKI, former mayor of Calumet City and still a political power, were in the office together with JOSEPH LOHMAN, the present Sheriff,

[] Calumet City, advised in March, 1960, that FRANK LAPORTE and other hoodlums had returned from California and were all back in Chicago Heights. He stated that because things had been very bad around Calumet City, pressure was going to be put on in order that things can open up so that they could realize some money from their investments. He stated that he believed that [] was not going to hurt anyone along the street and would let them alone.

CG T-1 advised that FRANK LA PORTE whose bodyguard is named AL PILLOTO []

This informant claims that LA PORTE was responsible for [] appointment and is, therefore, in a position to ask favors of PILLOTO.

Officer [] who has a reputation for honesty in the Calumet City Police Department, advised

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on an unknown date that the Owl Club, a well known gambling establishment, is out of bounds for any member of the Calumet City Police Department. No officer would dare conduct a raid on this place. These orders come directly from the Mayor of Calumet City.

CG T-9 advised on March 26, 1959, that gambling is permitted on the second floor of the Illinois Liquor Mart located at Illinois and Chicago Roads in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Several Police officers from Chicago Heights of late frequent the game. He stated that another game is still going at 22nd and Butler and this game is run by Officer Hartman of the Chicago Heights Police Department. It is noted that this information was furnished to the Sheriff's Office, however, nothing was ever done about it.

In 1947 it was alleged in Chicago Heights Illinois, by an unknown source that [redacted] was the go-between man for politicians and racketeers of southern Cook County. He was especially friendly with FRANK LA PORTE.

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Legitimate Enterprises

CG T-17 advised that he has made inquiry into the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and he noted that they also maintained a store at Joliet, Illinois. The owners of this partnership are listed as FRANK FRANZ, FRANK LA PORTE, LEO PILOTTI, ALBERT PILOTTI, PETER ZARANTE, and SAM D'GIOVANNI. On January 12, 1961, informant said that this company had cash in bank amounting to \$9,000, merchandise of \$15,525, fixtures and equipment of \$100,785, with total assets of \$125,310. Sales of this company are estimated at over \$100,000 per year. The volume is said to be steady and currently netting profits. Out of town banking affiliations are maintained. The company operates coin operated phonographs and cigarette vending machines in Will County, Illinois.

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These are placed in various taverns and restaurants. It employs three individuals. The location is a two story brick building on Main Street with 500 square feet of space. A branch of this company is operated at 2 North Des Plaines Street, Joliet, Illinois.

According to the informant, partnership was formed in 1947, succeeding the Kelly Music and Tobacco Company. FRANK FRANZ, age 43, married, born in Illinois, served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1946. He also appears as a partner in the Cooperative Music Company of Chicago Heights. LEO PILOTTI, age 42, married, born in the United States, was employed as a laborer locally until admitted to partnership in 1947. ALBERT PILOTTI, age 51, married, born in the United States, was employed as a business agent by the Hod Carriers Union in Chicago Heights. D'GIOVANNI, age 56, married born in the United States, self-employed in retail liquor line on January 14, 1960. FRANZ indicated there was no inter-company transactions with Cooperative Music. Informant said that FRANK LA PORTE, who was born FRANK LIPPERTE in 1905, about 1924 he assumed the name of LA PORTE and has since continued to use the latter. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, LA PORTE was associating with one DOMINICK ROBERTI and one VINCENZO AMMERATTO alias JIM EMERY in the operation of two houses of prostitution located at 1643 East End Avenue and the other at 19th and East End Avenue in Chicago Heights. In the late 1930s, LA PORTE entered partnership with one JOHN PERRY, and JIM EMERY in operation of slot machines south of Route 6 to the Will County line. At the same time, he entered another partnership with one FRANCIS CURRY in the operation of slot machines in Will County, Illinois. The partnership with LA PORTE, EMERY, and PERRY also controlled all handbooks in southern Cook County either by direct ownership or as "lay-off" brokers.

In 1943, LA PORTE entered the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge in 1945. He returned to the Chicago Heights, Illinois area and started the Cooperative Music Company. That concern leases coin operated photographs in southern Cook County, Illinois.

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From time to time the partnership interest of that concern has changed, however, LA PORTE has remained in it since the conception of the company. In 1955, by agreement, a merger was made with one CONSTANT TUFFENELLI, who previously had slot machine and juke box operations north of Route 6 to the Chicago city limits. The assets of TUFFENELLI's business merged with the Cooperative Music Company and LA PORTE, TUFFENELLI, and FRANK FRANZ through the merger are partners in the Cooperative Music Company.

In 1947, the Wilco Company was started simultaneously at the time of the death of the owner of the Kelly Automatic Music Company, Joliet, Illinois. For some time operations were conducted from Joliet but in 1958, the headquarters was moved to the Chicago Heights address.

The informant stated that in 1947, LA PORTE with JOHN PERRY and others, opened a gambling house at Calumet City using the name "Owl Club". Shortly thereafter, TONY ACCARDO was admitted to an interest. That partnership continued until 1948 when one [redacted] was admitted to a profit sharing partnership in exchange for his bookkeeping and managerial ability. The latter did not share in the losses but did share in the profits. That partnership continued until the early 1950s when it was discontinued following the KEFAUVER investigations.

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LA PORTE, according to the informant, then concentrated on sneak operation of slot machines in southern Cook County and pinball operations in northern Indiana. In recent years, he has disposed of most slot machines and invested his money in ready-mix concrete and some retail businesses. In 1958, informant stated LA PORTE invested in a uranium mine on the California-Nevada border. Operations of the mine are reported to have shown a \$2,500 net taxable loss for the year 1959. According to the informant, in 1959, LA PORTE reported to have transferred a low six figure amount of cash to a bank in the State of Sonora in the country of Mexico and he is reported to have a 40 per cent interest in a gambling house located near Acapulco, Mexico. His principal interest is now investment as a partner in the Cooperative Music Company, notes receivable from Lincoln Wholesale Distributors, Chicago, Heights, Illinois,

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Regal Vending Company, Chicago, Illinois, and a partnership interest in five taverns and night clubs in Calumet City, Illinois.

According to the informant, in 1954 LA PORTE was sued by the United States Tax Court for \$57,135 for back income taxes on profits made in the Owl Club, Calumet City. A settlement with costs to LA PORTE was subsequently stipulated plus various penalties. Informant stated that he had searched the local police records and failed to disclose any arrest for LA PORTE or even a citation for overtime parking.

On December 15, 1952, FRANCES CURRY, 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, was interviewed by SAs [redacted]

[redacted] At that time CURRY stated that he was operating the Cooperative Music Company at Joliet, Illinois. He said he was not actively engaged in the operation of the company but that he owns it on a partnership basis with several other individuals. He admitted that FRANK LA PORTE is one of the individuals.

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Referral/Direct

On November 8, 1961, RALPH EMERY, owner of Ralph's Lounge, Thomas Hotel in Chicago Heights, and partner in Nola Publishing Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, and JOSEPH COSTELLO, who is a member of the COSTELLO family which operates the Chicago Heights Distributing Company, were observed at the wake of JOHN ROBERTS, whose background has previously been noted. (It is noted that members of the COSTELLO family have in the past attended TONY ACCARDO's Fourth of July picnics with LA PORTE).

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On February 25, 1948, records of the Recorder's Office, Will County, Illinois, set forth the following information:

Book 1040, page 337 reflects that CLARENCE E. and EVELYN O. FOLKERS sold to FRANK LA PORTE a farm located in Frankfort Township on April 24, 1945. Attorney EDWARD RIPPE, 13850 Kanawha, Dolton, Illinois, handled this transaction.

Book 1041, page 579 reflects that HAROLD C. and LAURA FOLKERS sold to FRANK LA PORTE a farm located in Frankfort Township on April 24, 1945. This transaction was also handled by Attorney RIPPE.

Book 1041, page 581 reflects that WILLIAM T. FOLKERS sold to FRANK LA PORTE farm lands located in Frankfort Township on May 4, 1945.

[REDACTED] Deputy Recorder, Will County Court House, Joliet, Illinois, who made the records available explained that in connection with the above three listed transactions all property recorded was part of the FOLKERS' estate, but that it had been inherited by three different parties in the family and thus necessitated three different transactions to convey the entire farm to LA PORTE.

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Book 1041, page 543 reflects that on May 24, 1945, FRANK LA PORTE sold the property that he had purchased from HAROLD and LAURA FOLKERS on April 24, 1945, to BASTIAN J. SWETS, South Holland, Illinois.

Book 1080, page 287 reflects that on December 20, 1945, LA PORTE sold the land purchased from WILLIAM T. FOLKERS on May 4, 1945, to ALEXIS S. GORSKI. The records reflect that LUDWIG LOEWENSTIN, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, handled the transaction. A summary investigation of the records of the Recorder's Office reflected FRANK LA PORTE continues to own farm lands purchased from CLARENCE E. and EVELYN O. FOLKERS on April 24, 1945.

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On March 10, 1959, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Southern Cook County, Blue Island, Illinois, advised that on March 10, 1953, an article appeared in the "Homewood Flossmoor Star" that in City Court of Chicago Heights, Illinois, Docket Number 18144, FRANK and MARGUERITE LA PORTE, plaintiffs vs. GUISEPPI PROVANZANO DI ANTONIO and GRAZIA PROVANZANO DI ANTONIO, Etal, defendants, were seeking reformation of a deed dated November 1, 1946, from the defendants to MADELINE and THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ covering the south half of Lot 2 in Block 3 in Orchard Ridge addition of Chicago Heights. The attorney for the LA PORTES was CARL W. MC GEAHEE who had just resigned as Mayor of Chicago Heights to accept uncontested election to the post of City Judge of Chicago Heights.

Chicago T-18 advised on May 8, 1961, that his company has contracted to do some work for FRANK LA PORTE at a restaurant of LA PORTE located in Homewood, Illinois. The restaurant goes under the name of the Swiss Beer Garden. This source advised that a \$90,000 loan has been obtained to alter the establishment. The work is expected to begin by the middle of June, 1961.

Chicago T-19 advised on April 28, 1961, that information has come to his attention that all cigars and cigarettes which are sold in taverns on the south side of Chicago are handled through a company owned by FRANK LA PORTE. Informant alleged that the DE STEFANO brothers worked for LA PORTE in this business. Informant did not further identify the DE STEFANO brothers or the name of the company.

The "Chicago Daily Tribune", a daily newspaper, contained an article under the date of October 27, 1960, stating that ALFRED PILOTTO, a former bookie and for the past 15 years president of Local 5 of the International Hod Carriers, Builders, and Common Laborers Union, stated under questioning by RICHARD B. OGILVIE, Special Assistant United States Attorney General who was prosecuting the ANTHONY ACCARDO tax fraud case, that he, PILOTTO, was a

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partner in the Wilco Amusement and Tobacco Company at Joliet, Illinois. The company distributes cigarette vending machines and juke boxes. He named his partner as FRANK LA PORTE among others.

Chicago T-20 advised SA [redacted] at Houston, Texas, on August 7, 1959, that one of the legitimate investments where the "outfit" channels money which could not be reported for income tax was a uranium venture in Colorado. The informant stated that \$300,000 was raised by the "outfit" at the request of FRANK LA PORTE. This particular investment was a failure. Informant believed that a nightclub owner from Calumet City, Illinois, with a name similar to [redacted] may have been the individual who was sent to Colorado to supervise the above enterprise. It was the informant's opinion that he was sent there on orders of FRANK LA PORTE who was the controlling figure of criminal operations in Calumet City.

Chicago T-15 advised in August, 1959, that [redacted] a Schlitz beer distributor in Chicago, was at that time deeply in debt to numerous individuals in the Chicago area. His debts amounted to approximately \$2,000,000. Informant stated that [redacted] a known associate of hoodlums [redacted] owner of OK Motors, a trucking line, and [redacted] a Las Vegas gambling figure, and FRANK LA PORTE, who is in charge of southeastern Cook County for the "outfit" had made sizeable investments in the beer distributing business owned by [redacted]. The individuals investing according to the informant were concerned with the outstanding debts incurred by [redacted].

Chicago T-12 advised on September 2, 1958, that the Owl Club in Calumet City was closed down. FRANKIE LA PORTE and [redacted] owned the 21 Club at 1021 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, and operated as a striptease palace.

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In January of 1951 it was determined that FRANK LA PORTE has mining interests in California and the records of the Internal Revenue Service at Chicago indicate that LA PORTE's interest in the New Ford Mine, San Andreas, California, and the Co-operative Mining Company of California, Linden, California, are shown.

On February 20, 1959, a search of the records of the San Joaquin County Assessor's Office which covers Linden, California, reflect no information regarding FRANK LA PORTE or the Co-operative Mining Company.

The records of the Calaveris County Assessor's Office failed to reflect any listing for FRANK LA PORTE. The records did list the New Ford Mine and the following were listed as owners: THOMAS J, ALVIN, VERNON P. and CLIFFORD EHRHART and IDA MAY CARTER. According to the County Assessor this mine is in only in the summer season because during the winter it is not accessible during heavy snows.

TRAVEL

On February 8, 1960, [redacted] Calumet City, Illinois, stated that FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO, and TED BARTUSIEWICZ and several other employees of LA PORTE have traveled to a farm or ranch that LA PORTE and his relatives own in a wilderness section of California. They will be gone for approximately seven weeks and are expected to return in April of 1960. He understood that they have left Chicago Heights because of the constant harassment into their affairs by Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

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On February 13, 1959, unconfirmed rumors indicated that FRANK LA PORTE and JOSEPH GUZZINO had departed or planned to depart the Chicago area en route to New Orleans, Louisiana. From there they were expected to travel to the country of Italy. Inquiry by the New Orleans Office indicated that there were no airlines or passenger ships which depart New Orleans for any European ports. The Department of State Passport Agency in

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New Orleans advised that neither LA PORTE nor GUZZINO had applied for passports from that office. Further inquiry at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., indicated that they have no record of any passport application for LA PORTE, but they did locate a passport issued to JOSEPH GUZZINO dated March 20, 1958, for a proposed trip to Italy indicating that he intended to depart from New York City in May, 1958. Additional information was obtained by the Chicago office that on March 3, 1958, ALFRED and/or LOUIS PILOTTO who are LA PORTE's personal body guards were supposed to accompany him on his rumored European voyage.

"HANGOUTS"

The following locations are believed to be the most common "hangouts" frequented by FRANK LA PORTE in the general Chicago area:

Fagman's, Inc.
108 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Co-operative Music Company
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Wilco Tobacco Company
5 South Des Plaines Street
Joliet, Illinois

Little Jack's Restaurant
Plainfield Road
Joliet, Illinois

Corral Club
12880 Ashland
Calumet Park, Illinois

Zarantes Restaurant
Route 30
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Cipriani's
Route 1
Chicago Heights, Illinois

21 Club
21 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Follies Bergere
Calumet City, Illinois

Hotel Sherman
Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Necastro Restaurant
275 East 17th Street and
412 East 22nd Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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The "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, contained an article dated April 23, 1958, which read in part that the United States Tax Court had ruled an old time gambler, ANTHONY J. ACCARDO and an associate FRANK LA PORTE made some statements that were wrong in their earnings from bookmaking operations in 1948 and 1949. The Internal Revenue Service made back tax claims totaling \$152,305 against them; \$90,565 in the case of ACCARDO and \$61,740 for LA PORTE.

Other tax returns of LA PORTE indicated that a total of \$3,500,000 was handled in bets in the operation of the Owl Club and that a \$400,000 profit was made from this venture.

Chicago T-4 advised that the records of Fagman's, Inc. show that LA PORTE usually maintains a charge account which has a balance of approximately \$600 over a regular period of time.

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Manager, Super Motors, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised on December 4, 1958, that FRANK LA PORTE purchased a 1958 four-door hard top Cadillac 62 and that in addition he owns a 1958 Pontiac sedan.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A physical description of LA PORTE is located on pages nine and ten of this report.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
November 30, 1961

FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
 dated November 30, 1961 at Chicago.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

- CG T-1 A former bookmaker who is familiar with gambling in Calumet City, Illinois area.
- CG T-2 Employee of a private investigative organization.
- CG T-3 Employee of the United States Post Office.
- CG T-4 Employee of a firm located in the Hotel Sherman Building, Chicago.
- CG T-5 Officer of the Calumet City Police Department.
- CG T-6 A high placed employee of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.
- CG T-7 An individual familiar with prostitution activity in Calumet City, Illinois.

- CG T-8 An investigator for another
United States Government agency.
- CG T-9 An individual who associates with
the criminal element of Calumet
City, Illinois.
- CG T-10 An individual who has a wide
knowledge of the horse racing
groups.
- CG T-11 An individual associated with the
criminal element and is aware of their
activities on occasion.
- CG T-12 An ex-convict and minor Chicago
hoodlum.
- CG T-13 A person who from time to time
learns the activity of certain
member of the Chicago criminal
element.
- CG T-14 An individual who is closely
associated with the criminal
element in Calumet City, Illinois.
- CG T-15 Is a source closely acquainted with
various Chicago hoodlums and is in
a position to furnish excellent
information regarding their activities.
- CG T-16 A source who is familiar with the
criminal element of Chicago Heights,
Illinois.
- CG T-17 Is an investigator for a financial
reporting organization.

- CG T-18 A person who is familiar with certain elements of Chicago's hoodlums.
- CG T-19 An individual who has wide acquaintance of criminals among the Negro element of Chicago.
- CG T-20 An individual who was formerly fairly high placed among the gambling element of Chicago.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 30, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka.
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/30/61
at Chicago, Illinois.

There are enclosed herewith 3 copies of referenced report. One copy of this report will be furnished by this office to the Special Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago ten days from date of this report, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Stanley *CS*

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE

DATE: January 8, 1962

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ASAC of Chicago telephoned. He advised they had just received word from one of their informants that Frank LaPorte, a Chicago hoodlum, is hiding out in a cabin located at the rear of Brook's Restaurant, 160 3rd Street and Collins Avenue, Miami, Florida, to avoid being subpoenaed by the McClellan Committee. Handley said that the Chicago Office has no interest in LaPorte.

I checked with the McClellan Committee and in the absence of the Chief Counsel, spoke with Assistant Counsel Duffy, who advised that the Committee had been seeking LaPorte to serve him with a subpoena for about four months. I passed on the information as to LaPorte's possible location to him. In order to protect our Chicago informant, was allowed to get the idea that this information had emanated from one of our Miami informants.

This is submitted for record purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE
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DATE: 1/4/62

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed for Bureau is one package containing four unknown type capsules. Subject is a top hoodlum of the Chicago Office. On December 20, 1961, subject's wife allegedly attempted suicide by shooting herself in the breast with a .38 caliber revolver. During a search of subject's home by the Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department they obtained the enclosed capsules and turned them over to the Chicago FBI Office.

It has been alleged that subject's wife is either an alcoholic or narcotic addict.

The Laboratory is requested to analyze the enclosed and determine if they contain habit forming type narcotics. Upon completion of the examination the enclosed can be destroyed. The results of the examination should be furnished to FBI Chicago.

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- 1 - Chicago

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

FBI, Chicago (92-920)

To:

Date: **January 24, 1962**

FRANK LA PORTE

Re: **AR**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No.

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Lab. No.

PC-68496 JA

Examination requested by:

Chicago

Reference:

Letter 1/4/62

Examination requested:

Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

Specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 are not considered to
be habit forming drugs.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Chicago**

Re: **FRANK LA PORTE
AR**

Date: **January 24, 1962**
FBI File No. **92-5793**
Lab. No. **PC-68496 JA**

Specimens received **1/9/62**

Q1 White with orange band capsule
Q2 Two black and green capsules
Q3 Red pill

Results of examination:

Specimen Q1 was identified as Dilantin sodium. This product is an anticonvulsant used in the treatment of epilepsy, and also nonepileptic convulsive states.

Specimen Q2 was identified as a tranquilizer sold under the trade name "Librium." The product is prepared by the Roche Laboratories and is used to control common emotional disturbances such as anxiety and tension.

Specimen Q3 was identified as a hypnotic sold under the trade name "Placidyl." The product is a mild, nonbarbiturate compound used to provide mild hypnosis in patients with nervous insomnia.

The unused portions of specimens Q1 through Q3 are being disposed of in the Laboratory as requested in your letter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **FRANK LA PORTE**
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File # **92-5793-4**
Lab. # **PC-68496 JA**

Examination requested by: **FBI, Chicago (92-920)**

(Let. 1/4/62)

Examination requested: **Chem. Anal. (Pharma.)**

Date received: **1/9 hw**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Q1 - Dilantin sodium - anticonvulsant
Q2 - Librium - tranquilizer used to control
convulsive untreated disturbances
Q3 - Placidyl - Hypnotic + daytime tranquilizer

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 White with orange band capsule
Q2 Two black and green capsules
Q3 Red pill

*Q1 - Similar to Dilantin sodium - Active &
cap. with H₂O acid sol. with filter - other way
usual. many IR - Ident. as Dilantin - powder
+ H₂O - solution (9.15 pH) is Dilantin sodium
manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co.*
*Q2 - Similar to Librium - M.O. well seen on
IR. Same as Librium Librium - manufactured
by Roche Laboratories*
*Q3 - Similar to Placidyl - oil in capsule seen
directly on IR. Same as known Placidyl.*

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TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. SUBJECT IS A KEY WITNESS IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS PLANNED BY THE MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE DURING THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS. COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS AND U. S. MARSHALS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE LA PORTE TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON HIM AND COMMITTEE COUNSEL HAS REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE LA PORTE SO THAT MARSHAL CAN SERVE SUBPOENA. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU OF LA PORTE'S WHEREABOUTS AND, IF EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE CHECKS TO PROMPTLY LOCATE HIM. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED.

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NOTE: ~~*****URGENT*****~~

The Committee's request to determine LaPorte's whereabouts has been approved by the Director.

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TO: SAC, Chicago (92-920)

FROM: Director, FBI

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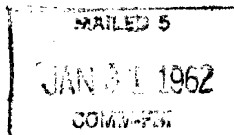
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1P

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, AR. RE CHICAGO TEL JANUARY TWENTYSIX LAST.

TOLL CALLS FROM T U SEVEN DASH THREE SIX TWO TWO, GUADAGNOLOS RESI-
DENCE, LINDEN, CALIF., INDICATE SEVERAL CALLS TO AND FROM ANGELS
CAMP, CALIF., WHICH IS LOCATED IN SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS. TELEPHONE
NUMBER AT ANGELS CAMP IS SEVEN THREE SIX DASH TWO SIX THREE THREE,
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] WHO
IS PARTNER NEW FORD MINE. USM, SACRAMENTO, CALIF., CONTACTED THIS
DATE, AND DEPUTY MARSHAL FORMERLY IN POSSESSION OF SUBPOENA NOT IN
SACRAMENTO AT THIS TIME AND IT IS NOT KNOWN IF SUBPOENA STILL IN
POSSESSION OF USM, SACRAMENTO, OR HAS BEEN RETURNED THAT DEPUTY USM WILL
RETURN THIS AREA JANUARY THIRTY NEXT AND WILL ADVISE AT THAT TIME
IF SUBPOENA STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO SEND BEST
PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TO SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STOCKTON, CALIF. INVESTIGATION, SAN

FRANCISCO DIVISION TO LOCATE SUBJECT CONTINUING.

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URGENT 1-26-62 8-28 PM JEG
TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA., AR. BUREAU TODAY ADVISED FBI ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FROM MC CLELLAN SENATE COMMITTEE IN ORDER THAT THEY OR USM CAN SERVE SUBPOENA ON SUBJECT. BUREAU REQUEST THAT THEY BE KEPT FULLY ADVISED OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE. RECENTLY A LETTER FROM SUBJECT TO WIFE INDICATES HE WAS RESIDING IN AN AREA NEAR LINDEN, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HOT WATER FOR SHAVING WAS NOT AVAILABLE. HE STATED HE HAD TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT BECAUSE FBI CHECKING AT LINDEN. SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT STAYING AT CABIN NEAR MINING OPERATION OWNED BY SUBJECT-S SISTER AND INSTITUTE OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKS TO PROMPTLY LOCATE SUBJECT. IN MID DEC SUBJECT-S WIFE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BUT WAS NEVER VISITED BY SUBJECT. SHE RECEIVED TWO LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIM WHILE AT HOSPITAL. SUTEL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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URGENT 1-26-62 8-00 PM JEG

TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC MIAMI

FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA., AR. SUBJECT IS A TOP HOODLUM OF THE CHICAGO OFFICE, PRESENTLY BEING SOUGHT BY MC CLELLAN SENATE COMMITTEE FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA BY THEM OR USM. BUREAU TODAY ADVISED THAT COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE, AND THE BUREAU STATED THAT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE INSTITUTED TO LOCATE SUBJECT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE EIGHT LAST THAT SUBJECT AT THAT TIME WAS LIVING UNDER UNKNOWN ASSUMED NAME IN ONE OF THE CABINS BEHIND BROOKS RESTAURANT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THIRD AND COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH. THIS INFO WAS FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU ON THAT DATE IN THE EVENT THEY DESIRED TO DISSEMINATE TO THE COMMITTEE. SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS WM, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, FIVE FOOT EIGHT INCHES, ITALIAN LOOKING, AND WELL DRESSED. MIAMI ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT PRESENTLY RESIDING AT ABOVE ADDRESS. IF NOT LOCATED CHECK TOLL CALLS FROM CABIN PHONES AND ANY APPEARING PERTINENT SUTEL TO INTERESTED OFFICES. SUBJECT HAS KNOWN RELATIVES IN CALIFORNIA, ILLINOIS, AND MICHIGAN. NO PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE. SUTEL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

1-31-62

LaPorte, Chicago hoodlum, wanted
for questioning by McClellan Com-
mittee. LaPorte located by Bureau
at request of the committee.

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URGENT 1-30-62 5-33 PM TJF

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 92-920 1 P

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1 PAGE

FRANK LA PORTE AKA, AR. RE CHICAGO TEL, JANUARY THREE ONE LAST.

CHICAGO ADVISED UP TO DATE PHOTO OF SUBJECT UNAVAILABLE AS SUBJECT HAS REFUSED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR PAST THIRTY YEARS. NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCE, LINDEN, CAL, ADVISED SUBJECT SEEN LAST IN LATE MODEL ORCHID COLORED CADILLAC, POSSIBLY OUT OF STATE PLATES. AT TIME SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY MALE OF SIMILAR DESCRIPTION AS SUBJECT DESCRIBED BY

SOURCE AS QUOTE BODYGUARD UNQUOTE. IN ABSENCE OF PHOTO, SUGGEST BUREAU AUTHORIZE CHICAGO AGENT WHO WOULD RECOGNIZE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATELY COME TO SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT AT TIME SUBPOENA SERVED. DEPUTY USM, SACRAMENTO, SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY THAT LA PORTE MAY DENY IDENTITY AT TIME AN ATTEMPT MAKE TO SERVE SUBPOENA AND PERSON WHO COULD IDENTIFY HIM POSITIVELY WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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TO SACS San Francisco

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA., AR. RESFTEL FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. AUTHORITY
NOT GRANTED FOR TRAVEL OF BUREAU AGENT FROM CHICAGO TO
SAN FRANCISCO TO IDENTIFY LA PORTE AT TIME OF SERVICE OF
SUBPOENA.

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NOTE: The McClellan Committee requested Bureau assistance in locating LaPorte for purposes of serving him with subpoena to appear before the Committee. LaPorte located in San Francisco territory and U. S. Marshal (USM) advised and he requested that recent photograph of subject be forwarded. No recent photograph available as subject has refused to be photographed for past 30 years. USM requested Chicago Agent familiar with LaPorte be authorized to travel to San Francisco to identify subject at time subpoena served as he believes there is possibility LaPorte may deny his identity at the time the subpoena is given to him; Request being denied inasmuch as USM can employ other available means of identification in lieu of authorizing extensive travel of Agent for this purpose.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1P

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. REBUTEL FEBRUARY ONE TWO LAST. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE LA PORTE IN ORDER THAT MARSHAL CAN SERVE THE SUBPOENA. TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND THE DUSM HAVE BEEN IN THE SIERRAS SINCE YESTERDAY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE SUBJECT AND SERVE THE SUBPOENA. THE POSSIBLE USE OF A LOW FLYING ARMY AIRCRAFT TO SPOT THE SUBJECT-S CAR AT THE REMOTE CABIN NEAR THE MINE WAS CONTEMPLATED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS. THIS IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO STORMS IN THE SIERRAS AND THE AGENTS AND THE MARSHAL ARE PROCEEDING IN AUTOMOBILES.

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DEFERRED 2-9-62 7-55 PM PST EMK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1P

FRANK LAPORTE, AKA., AR. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE AND SPOT CHECKS LINDEN, CALIFORNIA, BEING CONDUCTED AT RESIDENCE OF SISTER OF SUBJECT. DAILY CONTACT WITH SOURCE AT LINDEN, REVEALS SUBJECT POSSIBLY AT HOME OF SISTER NIGHT OF FEBRUARY SECOND LAST. DUSM, SACRAMENTO, ENTERED HOME UNDER PRETEXT AND SUBJECT NOT OBSERVED AT THAT TIME. SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT IN LINDEN FOR LESS THAN TWO HOURS AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST AND NOT OBSERVED SINCE. DUSM, SACRAMENTO, HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD UP IN ABEYANCE SERVICE OF SUBPOENA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, IN NEAR FUTURE. U. S. ARMY AIR GROUP, SHARPE GENERAL DEPOT, LATHRUP, CALIFORNIA, WILL FURNISH AIRCRAFT FOR AIR SURVEILLANCE OF MINE LOCATED NEAR ANGELS CAMP, CALIFORNIA, AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS FLYING. INVESTIGATION IN SAN FRANCISCO CONTINUING.

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TO SACS SAN FRANCISCO
CHICAGO REC-91

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. RECGTEL FEBRUARY NINE LAST. COMMITTEE

COUNSEL CONTACTED DUM, SACRAMENTO, TO HOLD SERVICE OF SUBPOENA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BECAUSE AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES HAD EXPIRED. RESOLUTION EXTENDING LIFE OF COMMITTEE HAS BEEN PASSED AND COMMITTEE COUNSEL HAS ADVISED DUM TO PROCEED WITH SERVICE OF SUBPOENA ON SUBJECT. SAN FRANCISCO FURNISH BUREAU CLARIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING AIR SURVEILLANCE REFERRED TO IN RETEL.

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NOTE: Paul Tierney, Assistant Counsel for the McClellan Committee, requested Bureau assistance in locating hoodlum LaPorte who is sought as witness by Committee. LaPorte located by Bureau and USM, Sacramento, but USM has been unable to serve subpoena on LaPorte.

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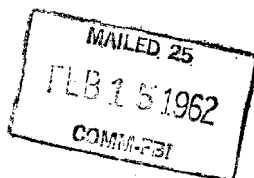
FRANK LA PORTE
AR

Reurtels 2/9/62 and 2/13/62.

With reference to the possible use of Army aircraft to survey the area where the subject is believed to be located, you should advise the Bureau of appropriate details and obtain clearance before employing this technique. Intensive efforts should be continued to locate the subject in order that the Committee subpoena may be served on him at the earliest possible time.

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URGENT 2-15-62 9-49 PM PST RNP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1 P

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, AR. SURVEILLANCE AT LINDEN, CALIF. REVEALS NO INDICATION THAT SUBJECT THERE SINCE FEB. SEVEN LAST. SURVEILLANCE, UTILIZING STATE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT VEHICLES, CONDUCTED AT MINE NEAR ESMERALDA, CALIF., AND AT HOME OF OPERATOR OF MINE, T. EHRHART, ESMERALDA, FAILED TO LOCATE SUBJECT. WEATHER STILL PRECLUDED AIR SURVEILLANCE. SOURCE, LINDEN, CALIF., ADVISED FEB. FOURTEEN LAST THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY NEIGHBORS THAT SUBJECT HAD RETURNED BY TRAIN TO CHICAGO AREA ABOUT THREE DAYS TO ONE WEEK AGO, BUT SOURCE UNABLE TO VERIFY. CADILLAC DRIVEN BY SUBJECT AND ACCOMPLICE NOT SEEN IN LINDEN AREA BY SOURCE SINCE FEB. SEVEN LAST. CHECK OF RAILROAD AND AIRLINE COMPANIES, STOCKTON, CALIF., FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY RESERVATIONS MADE TO CHICAGO IN NAME OF SUBJECT. CHICAGO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT RETURNED THAT AREA AND ADVISE. INVESTIGATION SAN FRANCISCO CONTINUING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 2/19/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/1/61 - 2/15/62
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka.;		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY njs
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

REFERENCES: Bureau SAC letter 61-50 dated 9/15/61.
Report of SA dated 11/30/61 at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU 2 letterhead memo on characterization of informant

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT HAMMOND, INDIANA. Will continue to establish connection between LA PORTE and

LOUISVILLE

AT SPOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY. Will interview regarding his knowledge of and association with the subject.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT LINDEN, CALIFORNIA. Continue efforts to locate the subject.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct and report investigation concerning the background and activities of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report has been prepared in compliance with Bureau airtel dated 2/7/61 entitled, "Criminal Intensification Program."

Information obtained from [] has been interpreted and paraphrased in order to protect the identity of this highly sensitive source.

INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 - []
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contacted by SA []

Chicago T-2, [] contacted by SA []
[]

Chicago T-3, [] contacted by SA []
[]

Chicago T-4, PCI [] contacted
October 10, 1961 by SA [] of Indianapolis.

Chicago T-5, PCI [] contacted on
December 14, 1961 by SA []

Chicago T-6, Detective Sergeant []
Hammond, Indiana Police Department, contacted by SA []
[]

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Chicago T-7, PCI [redacted] contacted
September 28, 1961 by SA [redacted] of Indianapolis.

Chicago T-8, [redacted] contacted on January 8,
1962 by SA [redacted]

Chicago T-9, AUSA [redacted] contacted on
January 29, 1962 by SA [redacted]

Chicago T-10, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA

Date:

2-79-62

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

FRANK LA PORTE presently being sought by the United States Senate Committee headed by Senator MC CLELLAN. This committee intends to serve the subject with a subpoena returnable to Washington, D.C. Subject's present whereabouts are unknown, but he is believed to be in contact with his sister in Linden, California. Subject's wife recently attempted suicide by shooting herself with a .38 caliber revolver. She is presently convalescing in her home in Flossmoor, Illinois. Subject did not visit his wife during her hospital confinement but is alleged to have telephoned her on at least two occasions. It has not been determined if the telephone calls were local or long-distance. Subject's known activities, associates, and assets set forth. IN VIEW OF THE DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES OF LA PORTE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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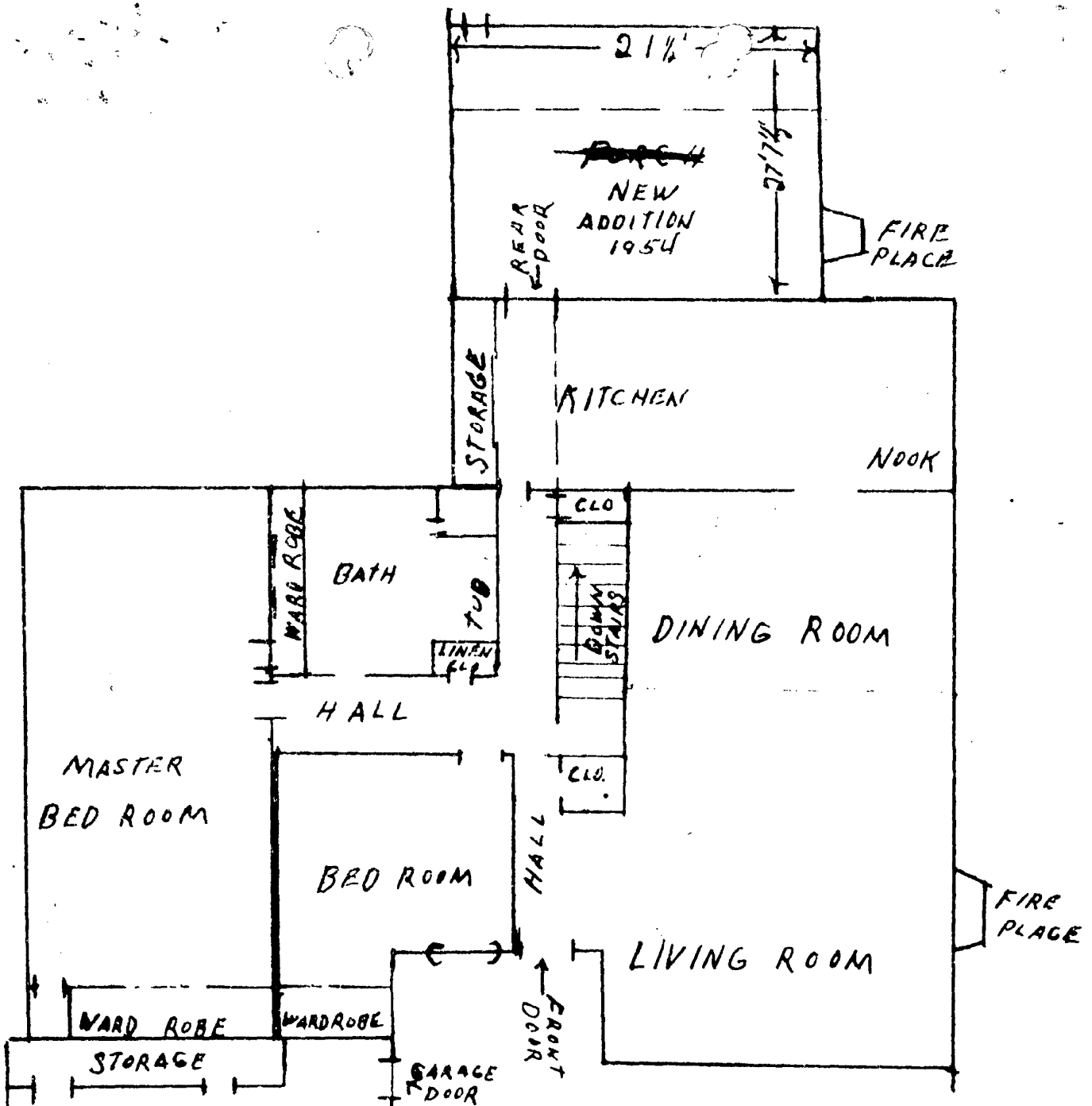
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I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Residence

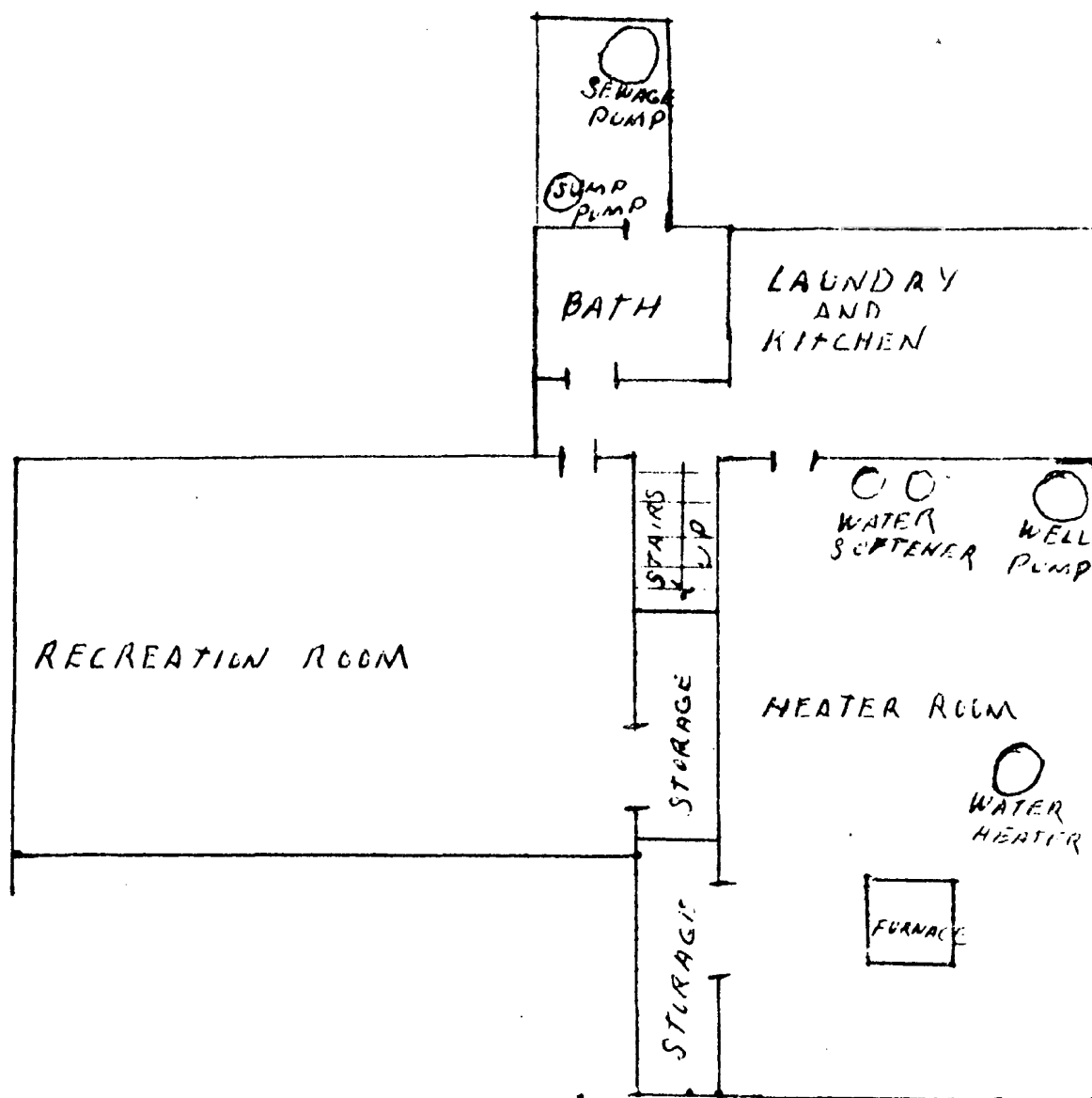
The following diagrams of the subject's residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, were obtained from Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor Police Department. Chief PAULING indicated that the diagrams were obtained from the contractors of the house at the time it was under construction.

Numerous spot surveillances during both daylight and evening hours fail to disclose any indication that subject is residing at his residence. It is noted that subject's house at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, is located approximately 100 yards from the street. Because of the above fact it is extremely difficult to obtain the license number of any car parked near the garage. Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, advised he has directed both day and night police patrols to attempt to determine if subject visits his residence. He advised on February 12, 1962, that none of the patrols had reported any pertinent information. He further stated there was no indication that subject had visited his residence.



LAPORTE RESIDENCE 1ST FLOOR
CAMBRIDGE AVE.
FLOSSMOOR ILL.

→ NORTH



LAPORTE RESIDENCE - BASEMENT

CAMBRIDGE AVE

FLOSSMOOR ILL.

→ NORTH

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Marital Status

A. Attempted Suicide of Mrs. MARGARET LA PORTE

On December 21, 1961, Patrolman [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that at approximately 3:35 p.m., December 20, 1961, while he was on routine patrol he received a radio call to get an attempted suicide report from the St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois on a Mrs. MARGARET LA PORTE. Upon arrival at the hospital, the initial report reflected that MARGARET LA PORTE, age 50, 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, had been brought to the St. James Hospital by the Gerardi's Ambulance Service of Chicago Heights at approximately 3:10 p.m. The reason for admitting Mrs. LA PORTE to the hospital was listed as an accident.

Patrolman [redacted] stated that he and Sergeant [redacted] talked with Mr. FRANK LUZI, who resides at 212 West 29th Place, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised them that he was Mrs. LA PORTE's nephew. When they attempted to question him regarding Mrs. LA PORTE's attempted suicide he stated he had no information in that he had just arrived at the hospital. He referred the officers to [redacted] Matteson, Illinois, telephone number Pilgrim 8-0087, who was a private nurse for Mrs. LA PORTE.

[redacted] advised the officers that before 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of December 20, 1961 she went to the Southgate Pharmacy in Homewood, Illinois to get a prescription filled. She was not definite as to what time she left for the drug store and at what time she returned.

Officer [redacted] stated that a later check with the drug store revealed that a prescription had been filled for

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Mrs. LA PORTE at approximately 3:00 p.m. on December 20, 1961.

[] further stated that when she returned to the LA PORTE residence she found Mrs. LA PORTE lying on the bedroom floor in a pool of blood. She ran over to Mrs. LA PORTE and asked, "What did you do?" Mrs. LA PORTE replied, "I found the gun." [] then called the doctor and Gerardi's Ambulance Service and had Mrs. LA PORTE removed to the hospital. She stated that she did not see the gun that shot Mrs. LA PORTE and that to her knowledge there were no guns kept in the house.

[] told the officers that Mrs. LA PORTE had been sick for some time and that she has been under the care of a psychiatrist, a Doctor [] Chicago, Illinois, telephone CE 6-7535.

The officers left the hospital at about 4:30 p.m. and traveled directly to Mrs. LA PORTE's home in Flossmoor. They rang the bell a number of times; however, the door was not answered. At this point the officers went next door to the home of []

[] The officers explained to [] that they must get into Mrs. LA PORTE's home in order to find the weapon that shot her. [] advised that although she is related to Mrs. LA PORTE, she did not have a key to the house and that she did not know anything about a gun or the fact that Mrs. LA PORTE had apparently shot herself. At this point FRANK LUZI appeared at the front door with [] and explained that the only one who had a key was the nurse and that he would immediately contact her to open the house.

While waiting for [] the officers returned to the St. James Hospital and talked to Doctor [] resident doctor. He advised that he examined Mrs. LA PORTE in the emergency room of the hospital and found that she had a gunshot wound in the upper left chest. She was removed to surgery where she was treated by Doctor [] of the 10th Street Clinic in Chicago Heights and a Doctor [] the family physician.

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The officers contacted Doctor [] who stated that Mrs. LA PORTE had a gunshot wound in the left chest close to the left shoulder. He further stated that the wound in the front of the chest was a large one and the other wound in the back a small one, which showed that the bullet had passed through the body breaking two back ribs. He advised that there were no powder burns near the wound and the doctor would not advise the officers whether the bullet had entered the body from the front or from the back.

At approximately 5:10 p.m., Officer [] received a telephone call from FRANK LUZI who advised that he had located [] and would meet the officers at LA PORTE's home with the key. Shortly after entering the house, [] entered the house. Officer [] stated that PULCINI is another relative and neighbor of the LA PORTEs.

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A search of the bedroom where Mrs. LA PORTE was found failed to disclose any weapon. Observation by Officer [] indicated that Mrs. LA PORTE was apparently sitting on the right side of the bed toward the foot of it when she shot herself. She apparently pitched forward and was found lying partially on her right side and stomach. Her bedroom slippers were found under the bed at the right corner of the bed. The bullet apparently traveled in an upward angle of about 15 feet, ricocheting off the ceiling and striking the east wall over the door, a distance of about 7'2" from the floor where it fell.

In the night stand next to the bed were found the following boxes of ammunition, according to Officer []

- 1 box .32 caliber long cartridges
- 1 box .38 caliber automatic cartridges.
- 1 box .38 caliber short cartridges
- 1 box 30-30 rifle cartridges
- 1 box .38 caliber metal-piercing cartridges

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[] stated that the box of metal-piercing bullets were the same as the bullet that shot Mrs. LA PORTE. He explained that these items were taken to the Flossmoor Police station at approximately 6:30 p.m. and he then advised Chief PAULING that they could not find the gun. He stated that Chief PAULING called [] of the Gerardi's Ambulance Service and asked him if he had seen the gun when Mrs. LA PORTE was moved. He stated that he had not. Chief PAULING then informed [] that if the gun could not be located, the investigation would then become an attempted homicide rather than a suicide.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., Chief PAULING received a phone call from FRANK LUZI who stated that Mrs. LA PORTE had regained consciousness and was asked by [] what she did with the gun. Mrs. LA PORTE replied that she had thrown it in the closet where the shoes were and LUZI stated that he would bring it to the Flossmoor Police Station.

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At approximately 9:00 p.m., LUZI and [] brought a gun into the police station and turned it over to Officer [] and Chief PAULING. The gun was described as a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Airweight Special with a two inch barrell. It contained five metal-piercing cartridges. The shell in line with the hammer had been fired. It had also been wiped clean of fingerprints.

Officer [] stated that Mrs. LA PORTE's clothing, the gun, the box of metal-piercing bullets and the bullet that shot Mrs. LA PORTE were turned over to the Chicago Police Department Crime Laboratory for examination.

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING stated that on December 21, 1961 at 10:00 a.m., he and officer [] went to Room 621, St. James Hospital, to interrogate Mrs. LA PORTE. The nurse on duty stated that Mrs. LA PORTE was in great pain; however, she could be talked with for a few moments. Chief PAULING stated that Mrs. LA PORTE advised

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him that she was in the house alone when she shot herself. When asked the reason for the shooting, she replied, "You men would have to be psychiatrists to know why." She advised that the gun she used was owned by her husband, FRANK LA PORTE, and that it was kept in the house for protection purposes. She also stated that she did not know what she had done with the gun after the shooting. Chief PAULING stated that because of the pain she was apparently suffering, she was not questioned further regarding the matter.

Officer [] advised that the serial number of the .38 caliber revolver used by Mrs. LA PORTE is Number 178563.

The New Haven Office, by communication dated December 23, 1961, advised that the records of the Smith and Wesson Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, indicate that this gun was sold on May 26, 1960 to Sports, Incorporated, 5501 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois.

[] Assistant Manager, Sports, Incorporated, advised that a review of his records reflects that the gun bearing Serial Number 178563 was mis-shipped to his organization and should have gone to the H. H. Harris Company, 1237 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. This gun, along with 24 other guns, was picked up by their driver on June 1, 1960.

[] Clerk, H. H. Harris Company, advised from a review of his records that a gun bearing Serial Number 178563 was sold to the Wagon Wheel Gun Shop, 2635 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This gun was sold on August 22, 1960.

On January 21, 1962, Patrolman [] stated that the gun was sold to [] Chicago Heights, Illinois, on approximately August 25, 1960, by the Wagon Wheel Gun Shop. He advised

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that this shop has since gone out of business and that [redacted] owner, claims that he cannot find the record of the sale but that he would attempt to locate it.

He advised that the Wagon Wheel received the gun used in the LA PORTE shooting and another one identical to it from the Harris Company on August 22, 1960. Both of these guns were purchased by [redacted]. The guns were not sold in the gun shop but were sold in a gas station located on the southeast corner of 26th Street and Chicago Road in South Chicago Heights, Illinois. The gas station is owned by [redacted] brothers.

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Patrolman [redacted] stated that on January 28, 1961, [redacted] purchased another revolver from the Wagon Wheel, described as a .38 caliber blue steel Smith and Wesson Chief Special, Serial Number 178683.

On January 30, 1961, [redacted] purchased a 30-30 caliber Winchester, model #94, lever action rifle, Serial Number 2446496. It is known that [redacted] is a nephew of Lieutenant [redacted] of the Chicago Heights Police Department. Reliable informants have advised in the past that he is an associate of FRANK LA PORTE and that he is uncooperative upon interview.

Chief PAULING stated on January 5, 1962 that he had received a reply from the Chicago Police Department Laboratory and that it was the opinion of the examiner that the evidence bullet found in the bedroom of Mrs. LA PORTE had been fired from the weapon described above. He advised that the Laboratory report further indicated that a examination of a lady's gown and lady's robe or housecoat furnished by the Flossmoor Police resulted in the finding that in the left front panel near the arm seam, approximately 6" below the shoulder seam, a hole in the fabric measuring 1 3/4" vertical deameter and 1 1/4" horizontal diameter had been found. Powder residues, singed and burnt fabric were in

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the periphery of the hole. Characteristics of the hole and the pattern of powder residues were such as to indicate that the muzzle of the weapon was in contact with the fabric at the time of discharge. A bullet exit hole was located in the rear left panel of the gown and robe.

On January 3, 1962, Officer [] stated that in addition to other items he had picked up four unknown "pills" from the night stand of Mrs. LA PORTE's bedroom. He advised that in the past he had heard rumors that Mrs. LA PORTE was an alcoholic and also that she was a narcotic addict. He advised that he would furnish the "pills" to SA [] for examination in order to determine if they contain narcotics.

These capsules were furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., for examination.

On January 24, 1962, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received January 9, 1962.

- Q1 White with orange band capsule
- Q2 Two black and green capsules
- Q3 Red pill

Results of examination:

Specimen Q1 was identified as Dilantin sodium. This product is an anticonvulsant used in the treatment of epilepsy, and also nonepileptic convulsive states.

Specimen Q2 was identified as a tranquilizer sold under the trade name "Librium." The product is prepared by the Roche Laboratories and is used to control common emotional disturbances such as anxiety and tension.

Specimen Q3 was identified as a hypnotic sold under the trade name "Placidyl." The product is a mild, nonbarbiturate

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compound used to provide mild hypnosis in patients with nervous insomnia.

Chicago T-1 advised on December 22, 1961 that during the time Mrs. LA PORTE would be in the St. James Hospital, the informant would be in a position to observe Mrs. LA PORTE and that during a good part of each day the informant could determine if Mrs. LA PORTE had any unauthorized visitors. The informant advised that Mrs. LA PORTE stated to her that her husband was out of town and would probably be unable to visit her at any time.

On subsequent dates this informant advised that Mrs. LA PORTE's visitors consisted mostly of relatives of Mrs. LA PORTE and that she knew of no other individuals having any contact with her.

The informant learned that Mrs. LA PORTE received two telephone calls from her husband but she was unable to determine if they were local or long distance calls. The informant stated that she had many conversations with Mrs. LA PORTE but that at no time was anything said regarding the present whereabouts of her husband or the type of business activity he was engaged in.

All charges at the hospital and private nurses' charges were paid in cash by [redacted] whom the informant described as being extremely loyal to the subject. She understood that Mrs. LA PORTE had attempted to fire [redacted] on several occasions but that [redacted] continued to remain as her private nurse and that she went to her home on January 17, 1962 when Mrs. LA PORTE was released from the hospital.

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The informant further advised that Mrs. LA PORTE is not a citizen of the United States and that she was actually born in Hungary. She stated that this is approximately the fourth time in the past seven years that Mrs. LA PORTE has supposedly attempted suicide and that the

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other times were by overdoses of sleeping pills and the slashing of her wrist. Informant stated that she was also visited by the owners of the Mamma Mia's Pizza Company in Steger, Illinois.

Detective [] Flossmoor Police Department, advised that when he was searching the room of Mrs. LA PORTE on the day of the shooting, he found in her dressing gown a handwritten note which he stated he would like to turn over to the FBI. The note reads as follows:

"I don't know what to say. You really hurt me this morning knowing that I was going away. But if that's the way you feel, it's okay with me. I will not call you or write to you until you write to me and tell me that you are sorry. Don't ask anybody for money. They haven't any. Use some of the \$4500 you have until I get back, if you haven't spent it already and if you have, you just got to wait. I am very sorry and feel very bad the way you treated me this morning. To the way I said I will not write or call until I hear from you.

"/s/ F."

Detective [] stated that it was his opinion that the note was written by her husband prior to his leaving Chicago in an effort to avoid a federal subpoena.

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Neighborhood

Records of the Flossmoor, Illinois Village Water Company reflect the following individuals reside on Cambridge Road in Flossmoor, Illinois:

Chief PAULING furnished background information where available regarding the residents.

[redacted] an executive in some type of plastering company.

[redacted] owner of a construction company and relative of the LA PORTES.

[redacted] background unknown.

[redacted] background unknown.

[redacted] Chicago attorney.

[redacted] relative of LA PORTE.

[redacted] background unknown.

[redacted] believed to be relative of LA PORTE.

[redacted] Cook County Judge.

(FNU) [redacted] sister of FRANK LA PORTE.

[redacted] background unknown.

[redacted] executive, Standard Oil.

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[redacted] background unknown.
[redacted] operates construction business.

[redacted] background unknown.
[redacted] background unknown.

Chief PAULING stated that these records are not complete and that some of the addresses are missing. He noted in particular that ANTHONY FRANZE resides next door to subject LA PORTE and is not listed in these records. He advised that he would immediately contact the individuals known to be trustworthy and advise them to contact him in the event they observe the subject in the neighborhood.

Efforts to Locate the Subject

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By communication dated January 25, 1962, the Bureau advised that the subject is a key witness in connection with proposed hearings by the Mc Clellan Committee during this session of Congress. They advised that committee investigators and U.S. Marshals have been unable to locate FRANK LA PORTE in order to serve him with a subpoena. The Committee Counsel has requested FBI assistance to locate LA PORTE so that the United States Marshal can serve him with a subpoena.

Chicago T-2 advised on January 8 and January 30, 1962 that he had recently been in contact with Miami, Florida and had learned through a [redacted] (LNU), who runs the El Dora Lounge located south of 79th Street on 27th Avenue in Miami, that FRANK LA PORTE is presently residing in one of the cabins located behind the Brooks Restaurant at 163rd and Collins. He advised that [redacted] is an individual who talks freely and used to be associated with the J & J Picnic Grove gambling casino in Will County, Illinois. This casino was formerly

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operated in part by FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that a girl who was close to LA PORTE had been advised by this [] that LA PORTE was residing at this particular place. The Miami Office subsequently advised that there were no cabins or rooms located in or at the rear of the Brooks Restaurant and that no information was developed that the subject, in fact, was residing anywhere in that area.

Chicago T-1 advised that a letter written to Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE while she was in the hospital was observed and it was this source's opinion that the letter was from the subject and that it read in part as follows:

"The 'G' was at Linden and checking all over the place..... I'm staying at D. It's cold and can't bathe. Ray, Jennie and the kids were over last week end."

Previous investigation has established that RAY and JENNIE GUADAGNOLO of Route 1, Box 13-C, Linden, California, is a sister of the subject and it is known that he has used this address in the past when attempting to avoid service of a subpoena.

By communication dated January 29, 1962, the San Francisco Office advised that the subject on January 29, 1962, was at the home of his sister in Linden, California. They further advised that investigation indicated that several calls were made from and to Angel's Camp, California. This camp is located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the calls were made to the telephone of [] who may be identical with the individual named [] who is a partner in the New Ford Mine which is partially owned by the subject.

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San Francisco further advised that the United States Marshal at Sacramento, California advised that his subpoena had been returned to Chicago and, therefore, could not be served on the subject at his sister's home. The Marshal further advised that if the subject did not answer

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the door or his sister would not admit that he was in the house, he, the Marshal, could not use source to serve the subpoena.

On February 6, 1962, [redacted] United States Senate Committee Investigator, advised that he had received information that the subject was presently residing at the J. B. Resort, Spottsville, Kentucky. Previous investigation by the Chicago Office has established that the J. B. Resort is owned by one [redacted] a former Chicago Heights "hoodlum" who is known to have associated with the subject.

The Louisville Office advised that the J. B. Resort consists of ten cabins in a remote section of Henderson County, Kentucky and that pretext inquiry and examination of the grounds and garage at the resort revealed the cabins are not available for rent during the winter season. The only exception is a year-round cabin occupied by a local family. [redacted] and his wife reside in a house located on the premises. No unidentified cars or individuals were observed by agents of the Louisville Office. [redacted] indicated that he contemplated leaving for Chicago, Illinois in the very near future.

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Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised on January 30, 1962 that he has not observed the subject in over three months. He stated that in an effort to partially destroy the subject's control and power in Calumet City he has offered a week's paid vacation to any police officer on the department who arrests LA PORTE for any type of violation.

He stated that when the subject is in the area his most usual "hangouts" and meeting places are the State Lunch, 19 State Street, John's Pizzeria, 121 State Street, the Oaks Motel, 745 Torrence Avenue, and the Palace Tap, 283 Torrence Avenue. He noted that LA PORTE in the past had frequently been seen with [redacted] an ex-convict and present Cook County Traffic Board investigator.

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[redacted] (LNU), a Calumet City Parking Meter Inspector, advised SA [redacted] that he was with a [redacted] the Calumet City Humane Officer, when the two of them stopped at the State Lunch on Saturday, January 20, 1962. [redacted] stated to him that LA PORTE had bought their lunch. [redacted] stated that he is not acquainted with LA PORTE and does not know him by sight. He said that it is not uncommon for customers of the State Lunch to buy any policeman lunch who comes in the place even though they are not acquainted with one another.

He described the individual who paid for [redacted] lunch as male, white, American, height - 5'10", weight - 190 pounds, hair - nearly bald, and he was observed driving a late model green and white Chevrolet. It is noted that this description does not approximate that of the subject and further that all previous investigation indicates that the subject does not drive and is always chauffeured and is not known to have ever traveled alone. It is further pointed out that neither LA PORTE nor any of his known associates have been observed driving a green Chevrolet.

[redacted] was unavailable for interview because of an illness.

[redacted] Homewood, Illinois, advised on January 30, 1962 that she had been employed as a day nurse for Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE after her attempted suicide. Following Mrs. LA PORTE's release from the St. James Hospital, she, [redacted] agreed to nurse at the house of Mrs. LA PORTE. When she went to the house she discovered that Mrs. LA PORTE did not get rid of two vicious small dogs as she had previously promised and she worked at the house for only that day and has not returned. While at the house she is positive that Mr. LA PORTE was not living in the house and from all appearances the house had been unoccupied during Mrs. LA PORTE's absence.

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During the time that she was at the hospital with Mrs. LA PORTE, she never made any statements revealing the whereabouts of her husband or the type of work he was involved in. On one occasion, she, [] received a telephone call from the subject but she was unable to tell if it was local or long distance. She said that between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Mrs. LA PORTE was never visited by her husband, but only by her in-laws. [] stated that she was paid in cash as was the hospital. It is her opinion that FRANK LUZI handled the money rather than Mrs. LA PORTE. She added that when she went to the LA PORTE home she was particularly impressed with the fact that the basement room is decorated as a business executive's office with a large conference table and several chairs surrounding it. It was her opinion that this would be an ideal place for the subject to hold any business meetings he might desire.

She stated that she also determined that the LA PORTE house has a telephone intercom system with all the relatives who live nearby. She stated that a phone is located in Mrs. LA PORTE's bedroom and on the same panel are five buttons, which she assumes need only to be pressed to contact other relatives in the neighborhood.

On December 21, 1961, Patrolman [] Chicago Heights, Illinois Police Department (who has a reputation for honesty), advised SA [] that he has not seen LA PORTE in Chicago Heights for several months. He stated that when LA PORTE is in town, he is known to obtain a shave every morning at Simmonetti's Barber Shop, located across the street from the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 South Halsted. He advised that he would remain alert for LA PORTE as he makes his numerous daily patrols in the vicinity of the barber shop and alert SA [] of any pertinent information.

On January 10, 1962, he advised SA [] that he has not seen LA PORTE during that period of time.

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On January 30, 1962, [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, a former Chief Steno of the Chicago FBI Office and the daughter of the owner of Simmonetti's Barber Shop, was contacted. She advised that she knew that LA PORTE was a patron of her father's barber shop and that she would discreetly attempt to determine from her father whether LA PORTE has been observed in Chicago Heights.

On February 2, 1962, [redacted] advised that she has been in contact with her father and he stated that he frequently shaved LA PORTE when he was in Chicago Heights; however, he has not been in his shop for some three months. He further advised that he understands the "heat" is on and that LA PORTE is allegedly hiding out some place. [redacted] stated she would immediately call the Chicago Office if she receives information that the subject is back in Chicago Heights.

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On February 6, 1962, [redacted] Patrolman, Flossmoor Police Department, advised that during the last several weeks he has observed considerable activity at LA PORTE's home after midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. He stated he has not observed the subject and assumes that it is a gathering of friends and neighbors. He stated because of the long distance from the street to the LA PORTE house he has been unable to determine any license numbers of cars parked in the driveway.

By communication dated February 13, 1962, the San Francisco Office advised that intensive investigation was being conducted in an effort to locate LA PORTE in the area of Linden, California. They advised that two special agents and a Deputy United States Marshal have been in the Sierra Mountains since February 12, 1962, attempting to locate the subject and serve him with the Senate subpoena. They further indicated that the possible use of low-flying Army aircraft to spot the subject's car at the remote cabin near the New Ford Mine was contemplated in an effort to determine his whereabouts.

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They stated that this is now impossible due to severe storms in the Sierra Mountains and it would be necessary to proceed by automobile.

Legitimate Enterprises

The Oaks Tavern and Key Club
745 Torrence Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

On November 28, 1961, Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that the Oaks Tavern and Key Club, 745 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, was raided by the Calumet City Police Department on October 22, 1961 at 3:30 a.m. for violation of the closing hour ordinance. He stated twenty-eight patrons were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and were released on \$25 bond. All were photographed and fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. In addition, four employees were arrested and charged with violation of the city closing ordinance and for having an obstructed view (windows covered). He stated the manager was charged with possession of a gambling device which was a dice table and a box of dice which was found in the key club portion; however, it was not in use at the time. He stated the manager was also charged with permitting entertainment which is in violation of the city ordinance as they did not possess the type of license which permitted entertainment. He stated the bondsman is named FRANK LUZI, nephew of top hoodlum FRANK LA PORTE. He stated LUZI posted \$25 bonds for all of the patrons and \$100 bonds for each of the employees.

Chief LINKIEWICZ stated LUZI has recently been promoted to bodyguard and chauffeur for FRANK LA PORTE. He added none of the patrons appeared in court and all their bonds were forfeited. The charges against the employees are still pending.

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[redacted] the operator of the key club, allegedly is paying off the bondsman for all the bonds.

Chief LINKIEWICZ stated Mayor Joseph NOVAK, Calumet City, a former Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago, has issued subpoenas for a liquor license hearing on December 6, 1961 to give consideration to revocation of the Oaks liquor license based on the above violations.

The Folies Bergere
100 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

On November 28, 1961, Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that the Folies Bergere is allegedly owned by FRANK LA PORTE. The licensee is [redacted] and the manager is [redacted]. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised a customer of the Folies Bergere on November 18, 1961 filed a complaint that he had to pay \$22 for two drinks and for an act of sexual perversion by one of the girls. He stated based on this complaint and at the liquor license revocation hearing of the Folies Bergere before Mayor NOVAK on November 24, 1961, the complainant withdrew his complaint. Therefore, based on the above information, the liquor license probably will not be revoked; however, the liquor license expires December 31, 1961 and Mayor NOVAK is not going to re-issue it due to the fact that MAY and JONES are both ex-convicts and they furnished false information as to their arrest status when applying for the current liquor license at the Folies Bergere.

Calumet Vending Company
1313 Sibley Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised that this company's owners are listed as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, [redacted]
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[redacted] Munster, Indiana.
Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that he has heard rumors that this company is supplying all the vending machines for Northern Indiana and that it is actually controlled by FRANK LA PORTE. He was of the opinion that their actual operations are at an unknown address in Chicago, Illinois and that this is only a front and sales office.

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised SA [redacted] on January 4, 1962 that on December 26, 1961 at approximately 10:30 p.m., he served closing orders on the Club Southern and the Follies Bergere, both located on State Street in Calumet City. The order was that both must be closed. The order was based on false statements made in liquor license applications by [redacted] licensee and manager of these two places. The false statement consisted of the fact that he indicated he has never been arrested or convicted of a crime. This action was taken in a joint effort by him and Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, former Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, in an effort to cripple the syndicate and LA PORTE's operation of these two taverns.

He stated that the actual owners of these taverns in FRANK LA PORTE and that [redacted] is only a front. He also stated that it is his personal belief that [redacted] is a solid partner with LA PORTE in the Club Southern. He further advised that on December 27, 1961 at 8:00 p.m., a hand delivered letter was left at the Police Department by a member of the Illinois State Liquor Commission giving these two clubs the right to reopen based on an appeal to the Commission. Previous to this letter the city attorney had received a telephone call at 3:00 p.m. on that date stating that the Commission was granting an appeal and ordering the city to allow the bars to reopen immediately. Mayor NOVAK at that time said that he would not accept a telephone call as sufficient justification to allow them to reopen and continued to demand that they remain closed until an order from the Commission was received in writing. Both taverns reopened at 9:00 p.m. on December 27, 1961.

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Chicago T-3 advised that he has recently heard a reliable rumor that FRANK LA PORTE has financially backed an advertising concern named Glo-Advertising, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The Glo-Advertising Company is run by [redacted] whom the informant described as minor hoodlums in the Chicago Heights area and who are known to have worked for LA PORTE in the past.

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Chicago T-3 advised that this advertising concern is overbidding all competitors to obtain choice lots to put up advertising signs and is underbidding all competitors to sell advertising. The Glo-Advertising Company then discounts all contracts with the bank for cash. Informant stated that this type of operation is an old advertising con game where the company goes out of business and does not pay on the property leased or maintain the advertising signs, thus leaving the bank to contend with complaints from the businesses and the persons who lease the property. Informant is of the opinion that he can determine additional specific information regarding this operation of LA PORTE.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Chicago T-4 advised that he had received information from sources, who he considered reliable, that a group of hoodlums were planning to move into the coin vending machine business in Lake County, Indiana. This group of hoodlums are from the Chicago Office and maintained a small business located at 1313 West Sibley Boulevard in Calumet City, Illinois. One of the leading hoodlums alleged to be backing this business venture is FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that for many years LA PORTE has been the "boss" of South Cook County, Illinois. Informant stated that he has checked the building personnel at 1313 West Sibley Boulevard on two or three occasions and has not noticed any significant activity. He believed that it might possibly be that the group maintains a warehouse in another area, and this address is merely a front for the operation. Informant repeated that he believed his source of information on this matter to be reliable. He pointed out that it is highly unlikely that any large scale coin operated vending machine business would be placed in Calumet City, Illinois, which is very close to the Indiana-Illinois State line unless plans were being made to operate in Lake County, Indiana.

Chief of Police CASMIR LINKIEWICZ advised that the Calumet Vending Company is located at 1313 West Sibley Boulevard, Calumet City, Telephone TO 2-0191. The owners of record are ALLAN MORGAN, JOSEPH SUROFKA, and CLARENCE E. HAVILAND. He stated that there is no record of a city license in the files of the City Clerk's Office. Chief LINKIEWICZ further advised that he understood that [redacted] of the Illinois State Police has his wife working for this organization in an unknown capacity. It has been alleged on other occasions that [redacted] is a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE.

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Chicago T-5 advised that the Acorn Club on West 34th Street in Steger, Illinois, has been closed. The owners and operators are [redacted] both of Chicago Heights, Illinois. They are presently attempting to find a new location for their gambling operations. Prior to its closing, the Acorn Club was known to be a large scale horse book betting parlor. These individuals have always operated in the area controlled by FRANK LA PORTE in Chicago Heights,

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and this informant advised that LA PORTE governs all the gambling and vice operations in Southern Cook and Will County, Illinois.

Informant stated that the County Liquor Commission ~~has~~ suspended the Liquor license for Edwards Tavern adjacent to the house of prostitution at 301 Patterson Road, Joliet, Illinois. [redacted] operated this tavern, but his daughter [redacted] owns the entire building housing both the house of prostitution and the tavern. Approximately one year ago, she rented the rooming portion of the building to one SAM MARCO, who is actually the alias for JOE BARRETT, who had the house of prostitution prior to his leaving for Spottsville, Kentucky, where he owns the J. B. Resort.

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Chicago T-6 advised that he is certain that Chief of Police MICHAEL KAMBISS, [redacted] and [redacted] of the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department are receiving some money for allowing gambling to run in the Hammond area unmolested. He stated further that Hammond City Counselmen MICHAEL MATOVINA and BEN DIAMOND are the main individuals who receive payoffs to allow gambling and that MATOVINA is the "bag man" for counsel members. The payoff money comes from [redacted] who is reportedly a nephew of DOMINIC "TOOTS" PALAMERO. PALAMERO is known to be a very close associate and former bodyguard of FRANK LA PORTE.

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The informant stated that [redacted] has complete control of Hammond, Indiana, gambling and operates his gambling activity under the front of the Midwest Siding and Insulating Company, 5016 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. There are five telephones located at this address.

Chicago T-7 advised that [redacted] a nephew of ANTHONY PINELLI (previously described as a relative of LA PORTE's) reportedly runs PINELLI's activities in Gary, Indiana, and is closely associated with [redacted]. Informant recalled [redacted] discussing a "system" with [redacted] whereby large "layoff" bets were handled by him over the telephone. This system related to code whereby an individual calling to

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make a bet would not actually mention the amount of money he intended to bet but would use various words to indicate the amount. An example furnished by the informant is one where the customer calling [] stated he wanted to bet a nickel, and this amount would be a prearranged amount between [] and the better. Informant stated that based on his contacts with [] it is his opinion that the results of races are received from Chicago by [] in Hammond, and he in turn relays them to Gary. The informant did not know any location of a wire service in Gary at the present time. The following cars bearing 1961 Illinois licenses as indicated have been observed near the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and the individuals observed entering the company's offices are believed to be associates of LA PORTE or his employees:

FL2629, []
South Chicago Heights, Illinois, on a Buick

KS2694, []
Chicago Heights, Illinois

KH7504, [] Chicago
Heights, Illinois

KN6720, FRANK FRANZE, 1729 Cambridge, Flossmoor,
Illinois

KJ5566, []
Crete, Illinois

KR7673, []
Palos Heights, Illinois

686-584, []
[] Chicago Heights, Illinois

MD3003, [] Chicago
Heights, Illinois

In an issue dated November 16, 1961, the Chicago Heights Star (a by weekly newspaper) carried an article concerning the marriage of SHARON LYNN SKRENTNY to JSOEPH DI GIOVANNI. The article indicated that the groom is a salesman

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for the Wilco Music Company in Chicago Heights, and the bride is employed at the Bank of Homewood in Homewood, Illinois. The article discusses the guests, and it was observed that all of the named guests are known relatives or associates of FRANK LA PORTE and his top lieutenants.

Chicago T-8 advised that FRANK LA PORTE has a close social acquaintance with a [redacted] is presently residing in the Miami Beach area. She is formerly from Chicago, and LA PORTE has been dating her for the past eight or nine months. It is the informant's understanding that the girl is attempting to get in touch with LA PORTE in order to obtain support money. Until approximately one month ago, she could be reached at North Miami, Florida, Telephone Number NA 1-0161. The informant stated that LA PORTE was supposed to take [redacted] to California, but he does not know if the trip was ever made. Informant described her as being very dumb but also very good looking.

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POLITICAL TIE-INS AND POLICE PROTECTION

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, advised on January 6, 1962, that when the subject's wife shot herself, he received telephone calls from several un-named officials of the Chicago Heights Police Department who requested that he not notify any newspapers and attempt to keep the shooting as quiet as possible. Chief PAULING further advised that he had been on the department for approximately 25 years and that because of Flossmoor's close proximity to Chicago Heights, he had observed numerous activities of the Chicago Heights Police Department. Previously it was a fairly known common fact that around Christmas time FRANK LA PORTE would come directly to the Chicago Heights Police Department and would hand out envelopes to all but one or two police. It was generally assumed that these envelopes contained various amounts of money and that LA PORTE controlled the operations of the police department. He stated that in later years, because of publicity, the police could be observed going in the Cooperative Music Company and obtaining their envelopes rather than having LA PORTE publically appear at the police station.

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Chief PAULING further advised that although he had no specific information to back up his statement, he had often wondered why LA PORTE seemed to leave his residence on the days before United States Marshal or Senate investigators would approach him regarding a subpoena for LA PORTE. Chief PAULING stated that it was his opinion that LA PORTE had "contacts" in Chicago who were able to advise him of the issuance of such subpoenas in time for him to leave prior to its being served.

Chicago T-10 advised that he recently overheard a conversation involving JOE COSTELLO, who the informant described as the son of JOE COSTELLO who prior to his death was a close associate of the late AL CAPONE. COSTELLO was complaining that he and his associates always have been able to control the village government of Chicago Heights particularly in the field of liquor licenses. He complained that recently a liquor license had been given to the Walgreen Drug Company in Chicago Heights which he did not approve of, and this had been allowed to happen because FRANK LA PORTE had not attempted to stop it. He desired to have a meet with LA PORTE and have LA PORTE's bosses in organized crime tell him to stop such actions.

Previous investigation by the Chicago Office has established that JOHN MACALUSO is president of record for the Kankakee Distributing Company and the Chicago Heights Liquor Distributing Company. MACALUSO is a nephew of JOE COSTELLO. Chicago T-10 advised that SAMUEL GIANCANA, who the informant has described as the over-all leader of criminal activity in Chicago, had heard of the trouble between FRANK LA PORTE and JOE COSTELLO. He indicated that he would get in touch with LA PORTE and find out as to why Walgreens were given a license. GIANCANA indicated in referring to LA PORTE that he would call LA PORTE in and lay the cards on the table. Regardless of how big he is in his own area, he would have to cooperate and do as directed.

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Chicago T-9 advised that

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
February 19, 1962

FRANK LA PORTE, aka;
ANTI-RACKETEERING

RE: Report of SA [redacted] at Chicago dated and captioned
as above.

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Characterization of Informants

Chicago T-1 is a source familiar with the activities of Mrs. LA PORTE while a patient at the St. James Hospital.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who is closely associated with the criminal and gambling elements in Chicago.

Chicago T-3 is an individual who is familiar with the financial background of the subject.

Chicago T-4 and Chicago T-5 are individuals familiar with various phases of gambling in Lake County, Indiana, and Will County, Illinois.

Chicago T-6 is a police officer of the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department.

Chicago T-7 is an individual familiar with certain aspects of gambling in Hammond, and Gary, Indiana.

Chicago T-8 is an individual who has a wide knowledge of criminal activity in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-9 is a Government official who is in a position to obtain information regarding the assets of various individuals.

Chicago T-10 is an individual who is closely associated with large gambling type criminal operations in the Chicago area.

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URGENT 2-19-62 7-08 PM PST GCS
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC CHICAGO
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 1 P

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA., AR. RE MY TEL FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST AND BUREAU
TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. AIR SURVEILLANCE NO
LONGER BEING CONSIDERED AS EXTENSIVE SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED IN SAN
ANDREAS AND ESMERALDA, CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SOURCE, LINDEN,
CALIFORNIA, HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT OR CADILLAC AUTO SINCE FEBRUARY SEVEN
LAST, AND SOURCE BELIEVES SUBJECT RETURNED CHICAGO. DAILY CONTACT BEING
MAINTAINED WITH SOURCE AT LINDEN. CHICAGO ADVISE STATUS YOUR INVESTI-
GATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT. INVESTIGATION SAN FRANCISCO CONTINUING.

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URGENT 2-24-62 6-39 PM PST RNP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /92-302/ 3 P
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, AR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STOCKTON, CALIF., FORMER BUAP, AND PERSONAL
FRIEND OF SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON FEBRUARY NINE,
LAST, HE WENT BY TRAIN TO HOME OFFICE OF COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AND WHEN BOARDED THE SANTA FE RAILROAD SAN FRANCISCO CHIEF TRAIN, WHICH
DEPARTED STOCKTON, AT ABOUT ELEVEN AM FEBRUARY NINE, LAST, THREE MEN
BOARDED WITH HIM, WHOM HE LATER MET. HE WAS INVITED BY THESE THREE
MEN INTO THEIR COMPARTMENT TO HAVE A DRINK AND THE MEN INTRODUCED
THEMSELVES AS FRANK LA PORTE, LOU FRANZ AND AL ROSETTI. THE THREE
STATED THAT THEY WERE FROM LINDEN, CALIF., AND IN CONVERSATION WITH
THEM, [REDACTED] MENTIONED THAT HE FORMERLY EMPLOYED ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNQUOTE, IN STOCKTON AND LA PORTE SAID THAT
[REDACTED] PARENTS HAD BROUGHT HIM TO THE RAILROAD STATION IN
STOCKTON. LA PORTE ALSO ADVISED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY SEVEN,
LAST, HE HAD DINNER WITH [REDACTED] FAMILY. LA PORTE TOLD

[REDACTED] THAT HE WAS ONLY GOING TO REMAIN IN CHICAGO FOR A FEW DAYS,

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THEN GO TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM THERE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AND THEN TO LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HE DID NOT INDICATE IF HE WAS GOING TO RETURN TO THE LINDEN AREA AFTER BEING IN LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT LA PORTE HAD A COMPARTMENT ON THE TRAIN AND THAT ROSETTI AND FRANZ OCCUPIED AN ADJOINING COMPARTMENT AND THAT THE THREE SPENT THEIR TIME PLAYING GIN RUMMY. ON FEBRUARY ELEVEN, LAST, FRANZ AND LA PORTE GOT OFF THE TRAIN IN JOLIET, ILLINOIS, AND WERE MET THERE BY A MAN DRIVING A LATE MODEL BLACK CADILLAC. ROSETTI REMAINED ON TRAIN AND AT DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO, WAS MET BY A BLONDE WOMAN WHOM [REDACTED] BELIEVES TO BE WIFE OF ROSETTI AND TWO MEN. [REDACTED]

RETURNED TO STOCKTON, CALIF., FEBRUARY NINETEEN, LAST, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER CONTACTED [REDACTED] AKA, AND TOLD HIM OF HIS MEETING WITH LA PORTE, ET AL, THAT THEY HAD BEEN VERY NICE TO HIM ON THE TRAIN, AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO REPAY THEM IF THEY RETURN TO THE STOCKTON AREA. [REDACTED] FEELS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM [REDACTED] IF LA PORTE RETURNS TO THIS AREA. LA PORTE DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE EIGHTY FIVE LBS., SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, STEEL GREY HAIR, WEARING WHITE TIE ON WHITE SHIRTS, BLACK TOP COAT, EXPENSIVE SUITS, SMOKES QUOTE ENSIGN UNQUOTE CIGARS, DRINKS MARTINIS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WELL SPOKEN, CARRYING CONSIDERABLE MONEY IN LEFT TROUSER POCKET, AND SCAR IN FRONT OF EAR ON RIGHT SIDE

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OF CHEEK. FRANZ DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIFTY YEARS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK COMPLEXION, ITALIAN APPEARANCE, DARK HAIR, GREYING AT TEMPLES, DRAWN LINED SAD APPEARING FACE, SLOPPY DRESSER. ROSETTI DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY ONE TO FORTY TWO YEARS, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE NINETY FIVE LBS., RECEDING BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, ITALIAN APPEARANCE, WELL DRESSED. CONTACT WITH BEING MAINTAINED. CHICAGO ADVISE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION. RUC.

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URGENT 3-12-62 6-31 PM JEG

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED] CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF

SUBJECT, CASHED A TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK AT THE CALUMET NATIONAL
BANK, HAMMOND, INDIANA. CHECK SIGNED BY SUBJECT AND WAS OF RECENT DATE.
BANK OFFICIALS ADVISED [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT BOTH FORMERLY MAINTAINED
ACCOUNTS AT BANK AND IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SUBJECT TO CASH MUCH LARGER
AMOUNT CHECKS. BANK OFFICIALS WILL NOT PERMIT REVIEW OF RECORDS WITHOUT
SUBPOENA.

SUBPOENA OBTAINED FROM USA, CHICAGO, AND WILL BE SERVED BY SAA
OF CHICAGO OFFICE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH LA PORTE INVESTIGATION MARCH
FIFTEEN, NEXT, UACB.

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TO SAC CHICAGO
FROM DIRECTOR FBI
FRANK LA PORTE
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ADVISE IMMEDIATELY STATUS OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE
SUBJECT FOR SERVICE OF COMMITTEE SUBPOENA.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC CHICAGO

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

REBUTEL THIS DATE.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SUBJECT APPEARS TO BE IN CHICAGO AREA.
SURVEILLANCE AND CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS BEING MAINTAINED IN AN
EFFORT TO LOCATE SUBJECT. LIAISON WITH LOCAL POLICE AND COMMITTEE
INVESTIGATORRS ALSO BEING MAINTAINED. REC-91

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: SAC, Chicago
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FROM: Director, FBI

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FRANK LA PORTE
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Press this matter vigorously in order that whereabouts of LaPorte may be determined at the earliest possible moment. Keep Bureau closely advised of developments.

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DEFERRED 3-27-62 4-02 AM TN

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC CHICAGO /92-920/

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

US SENATE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR

ADVISED TODAY HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO SUBPEONA NUMEROUS RELATIVES AND ASSOCIATES OF THE SUBJECT IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEM EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE TO FORCE THE SUBJECT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF A COMMITTEE SUBPOENA.

CHICAGO WILL MAINTAIN LIASION WITH INVESTIGATORS AND ASSIST IN LOCATING AND IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS FOR SUBPOENA.

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To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

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You should continue vigorous efforts to ascertain subject's whereabouts in order that subpoena may be served on him on behalf of U. S. Senate Committee.

As previously instructed, it is desired that you keep the Bureau closely and currently advised of the results of your efforts.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Chicago
FROM: Director, FBI
FRANK LA PORTE
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Since 3/13/62 three communications have been directed to you pointing out the importance of affording continuous and vigorous attention to this matter and requesting that you keep the Bureau closely and currently advised as to the status of your efforts.

According to Bureau records, you have responded with two replies, the last of which was a teletype of 3/27/62. It would not appear the matter is receiving the desired attention and it is also clear that the Bureau is not being kept advised as requested.

You are expected to review Bureau instructions in this matter and to advise by return communication full details of efforts made to locate the subject and to thereafter keep the Bureau promptly advised in accordance with previous instructions.

NOTE: A U. S. Senate Committee representative has requested Bureau assistance to locate subject for service of subpoena.

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Date: 4/12/62

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)
SUBJECT : FRANK LA PORTE
AR

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/10/62 to Chicago.

Various types of communications of nearly daily proportions have been directed to auxiliary offices including San Francisco, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Newark, Louisville, Little Rock, Houston, and Miami. These communications requested investigation of leads developed regarding the subject and his possible whereabouts. In addition, Chicago has maintained a daily surveillance of FRANK LUZI who is the subject's known closest contact in this area. To date, this surveillance has not been successful in locating the subject. Two criminal informants of the Chicago Division and Indianapolis informants in the Hammond, Indiana area, are constantly attempting to develop information regarding the subject. To date, they have not definitely placed the subject in the Chicago area. Daylight and evening surveillances of subject's home and known places of former contacts have been maintained at various intervals. Close liaison has been maintained with United States Senate Investigators and as a result in their subpoenaing close associates of the subject in an effort to have the subject accept service of the subpoena that is outstanding for him.

Interviews with persons who could be of assistance in locating the subject have been contacted and in one instance, the Chief of Police of Calumet City has offered a weeks paid vacation to any officer in his command who observes the subject and causes his arrest on a local charge.

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Continuous and vigorous attention will continue to be given to locate this subject. In the future all communications reflecting information developed about this subject will be directed to the Bureau so that they will be currently advised of the results of efforts to locate the subject so that he may be served a subpoena.

GALE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

(Your file 92-920

DATE: 4/25/62

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial
(Room No. 1541

92-5793

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE aka
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- ☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.
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- ☒ 2. Date ☒ letter ☐ submitted ☒ report ☐ will be submitted 5/3/62

- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

- ☐ 4. Status of investigation 11/23/62

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(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file)

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Date: 4/19/62

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

FRANK LA PORTE, Aka.
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Toll calls charged to subject's home telephone obtained and being checked for possible contacts of subject. Liaison with U.S. Senate Subcommittee being maintained and they have developed no information regarding LA PORTE's whereabouts.

His wife's nurse resigned and efforts are being made to locate her for interview.

Informants state FRANK LUZI, Chief Lieutenant of subject is presently out of the Chicago area for an unknown purpose. Calumet City, Illinois Police Department informant states he recently observed subject at Betty's Restaurant, Calumet City. Verification of this information is negative to date.

Another informant states subject "hiding out" at Cape Cod Club, former "outfit" gambling casino in South Cook County.

Additional information received that LUZI is the most logical person to be in contact with subject. Interview with various individuals negative. Continuous and vigorous attention being given to locate the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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[REDACTED]
Harvey, Illinois, confidentially advised that the subject was observed on 4/16/62 with VITO MARZULLO, Alderman, 25th Ward of Chicago.

LA PORTE and MARZULLO are very close friends and have been in contact with each other while LA PORTE has been in hiding. Source advised that LA PORTE had previously spent approximately two months in St. Louis, Missouri.

Source described MARZULLO as the Democratic whip for Mayor RICHARD DALEY of Chicago and that he goes to Springfield, Illinois, where he lobbies for Chicago's interest in the State Congress.

When LA PORTE is in the Chicago area, he is in constant contact with Alderman MARZULLO.

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TO: SAC, Chicago (92-920)

FROM: Director, FBI

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Re your airtel 4/24/62.

In view of the definite indication that subject is probably in the Chicago area, prompt and vigorous efforts must be made to locate him in order that his whereabouts can be furnished to the Senate Committee investigator.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5793)

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SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Calumet City, Illinois,
FRANK LUZI, subject's nephew and
chauffeur, interviewed evening of 4/26/62.

believes subject residing in or near Joliet, Illinois.
Information regarding address of LOU and other information
being checked for accuracy in attempt to locate subject.
U.S. Senate Investigators will be advised when more
concrete information develops regarding subject's present
whereabouts.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 19, 1962

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka.
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Please find enclosed four sets of fingerprints for [redacted] It is noted that one copy was furnished to the Identification Division of the Calumet City, Illinois Police Department and returned on December 6, 1961, because some impressions were smudged.

It is requested that all four sets be reviewed in an effort to locate a criminal record for [REDACTED]. Any record should be furnished to the FBI, Chicago, and the Chief of Police, Calumet City, Illinois.

It is further requested that all cards be returned to Chicago so that they can be returned to the Chief of Police Calumet City per his request.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE MAY 3, 1962	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/15 - 4/21/62
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka.		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY LJC
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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCES: Bureau SAC letter 61-50 dated 9/15/61.
Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 2/19/62
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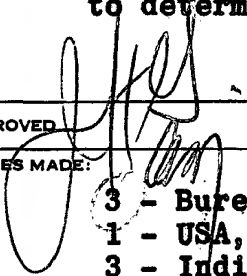
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INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. Will conduct discreet inquiry on [redacted] and determine if he is a nephew of the subject. In view of his reported employment with the State of Indiana will if deemed advisable interview him regarding his knowledge of the subject.

AT EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA. Will determine subscribers to telephone EX 7-8912 and conduct appropriate investigation to determine their association with FRANK LUZI.

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ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will contact logical informants in the criminal intelligence field to determine if subject is known to have been in the St. Louis area.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT LINDEN, CALIFORNIA. Will interview subject's sister and brother-in-law regarding the present whereabouts of the subject.

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will make discreet inquiry into ownership of The Supper Club and attempt to develop reliable source who can identify the subject and Alderman MARZULLO when a description is available.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct and report investigation of the subject's activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report has been prepared in compliance with Bureau airtel dated February 7, 1961 entitled "CRIMINAL INTENSIFICATION PROGRAM".

For the information of offices not receiving previous communications in this matter, subject is a top hoodlum of the Chicago Office. He is alleged to control all organized criminal activities in South Cook County and Will County, Illinois. This area includes the notorious Calumet City, Illinois "strip" consisting of "strip joints" and houses of prostitution. The United States Senate Sub-Committee (MC CLELLAN) has requested and been granted FBI assistance in attempting to locate subject for service of their subpoena. Committee investigators at Chicago have advised that they will immediately fly to any area if the subject is located in order to serve him with a Committee subpoena.

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On March 15, 1962, a subpoena duces tecum was served by SA [redacted] Vice President, Calumet National Bank of Hammond, Hammond, Indiana.

INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 Physical surveillance conducted by agents of the San Francisco Office.

Chicago T-2 Un-named source of the San Francisco Office on 2/14/62.

Chicago T-3 [redacted]
Stockten, California, contacted 2/24/62 by SA [redacted]

Chicago T-4 [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois on 3/13/62 to SA [redacted]

Chicago T-5 [redacted] on 3/26/62

Chicago T-6 [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago T-7 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

Chicago T-8 [redacted] contacted by [redacted] 3/7/62.

Chicago T-9 [redacted] by SA [redacted] 12/7/61.

Chicago T-10 [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on 3/5/62.

Chicago T-11 [redacted] former PCI contacted by SA [redacted] on 4/9/62.

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Chicago T-12

[redacted] contacted 4/4/62
by SA [redacted]

Chicago T-13

[redacted] contacted 3/26/62
by SA [redacted]

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Chicago T-14

[redacted]
[redacted] Harvey, Illinois, [redacted]
[redacted] contacted
4/18/62 by GROEPER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, CHICAGO

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: MAY 3, 1962

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject LA PORTE left Stockton, California 2/9/62 via the Sante Fe Railroad, San Francisco Chief. He disembarked at Joliet, Illinois where he was met by an unknown person. He traveled in the company of LOU FRANZ and AL ROSETTI. Subject indicated that a family named [redacted] of Stockton, California drove him to the train. States intended to remain in Chicago area for a few days and travel to Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles. Various reports and informant contacts indicate that the subject is presently in the Chicago area and conducts his business operations through his nephew FRANK LUZI, owner of the F & L Bonding Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. U.S. Senate Sub-Committee investigators have obtained subpoenas for 11 of the subject's close relatives and associates. Seven individuals have been served and four appear to be in hiding. Continuous and vigorous attention being given to locating subject for service of a subpoena. IN VIEW OF THE DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

Chicago T-1 advised that the subject had not been seen at the home of his sister in Linden, California since February 7, 1962. Informant stated that he had been in the area of a mine supposedly owned by the subject near Esmeralda, California and at the home of its operator [redacted] Esmeralda, California but had failed to locate subject.

Chicago T-2 advised that he had learned that the subject had returned by train to Chicago, Illinois approximately February 11, 1962 but was unable to verify this fact. The Cadillac which had previously been driven by the subject and an accomplice of his was not observed by the informant in the Linden area for several days prior to February 11.

Chicago T-3 advised that on February 9, 1962, the subject boarded the Sante Fe Railroad, San Francisco Chief at Stockten, California at about 11:00 a.m., February 9. Two individuals were with the subject and the three of them identified themselves as FRANK LA PORTE, LOU FRANZ and AL ROSETTI. The three indicated they were from Linden, California and LA PORTE stated that a family named CASTIGLIONE had brought him to the railroad station in Stockten and that he had had dinner with this family the previous evening. LA PORTE commented that he was only going to remain in Chicago for a few days and then intended to travel to Detroit, Michigan, Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California. LA PORTE had a private compartment on the train and ROSETTI and FRANZ occupied an adjoining compartment and the three of them spent most of their time playing gin rummy in LA PORTE's compartment. On February 11, 1962, LA PORTE and FRANZ disembarked from the train at Joliet, Illinois where they were met by a man driving a late model black Cadillac. ROSETTI remained on the train and continued to travel to the main station in Chicago. He was met by a blonde woman who appeared to be his wife and two other men. Information regarding [redacted] driving LA PORTE to the train was verified by the source on a later date.

Patrolman [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 27, 1962, that he had been making considerable inquiry among the known associates of LA PORTE who live in the Flossmoor area and has learned that when LA PORTE

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is in the Chicago Heights area he always had a specially made type of Italian bread delivered to the Cooperative Music Company on Halsted Street on a daily basis. This bread is made by the Marconis Bakery, 212 East 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. [] described the bread as an unusual double twist Italian bread which is not made commercially. The driver who normally delivers the bread recently stated that he had made no deliveries in over a two month period and that he assumes for this reason that LA PORTE is not in the Chicago Heights area. [] further advised that he and another patrolman of the Flossmoor Police Department have been making regular spot checks at the subject's home and noted that on the previous Saturday night at approximately 1:00 a.m. there was a large congregation of automobiles parked in the driveway of the subject's home and the driveways of the relatives who live nearby. He stated because of the distance from the street to the subject's garage he was unable to obtain all the license numbers and could not determine if LA PORTE was one of the individuals congregating at the homes.

On March 6, 1962, Officers of the Organized Crime Detail, Chicago Police Department advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that they received a telephone call from [] Chief Investigator, Nevada Gaming Board who advised them that the subject was observed in Carson City, Nevada on March 4, 1962 in the company of two other unknown individuals.

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By communication dated March 6, 1962 the Las Vegas Office advised that an individual who might be identical with the subject was observed at the coffee shop of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada by [] Gaming Control Board and Lieutenant [] Intelligence Unit, Clark County Sheriff's Office on night of February 28, 1962. They advised that the individual possibly identical with the subject was observed with an individual who [] thought might be [] of Chicago. They advised that the description of the individual possibly identical with the subject was similar to the description of the subject.

[] Chief Investigator, Nevada Control Board, advised that he had not informed the Chicago Police Department that the subject had been observed in Carson City, Nevada but stated that he had called the Chicago Police in order

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to obtain a photograph of the subject. LA FRANZE stated that to his knowledge the subject has never been observed in Carson City, Nevada.

By communication dated March 6, 1962, the Los Angeles Office advised that all sources have been alerted regarding the subject's possible or potential presence in the Los Angeles Office area, however, no information was available indicating that subject was in that area. They advised that subject has a nephew named FRANK LUZI, owner of the F & L Bonding Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois and one FNU ALLUCCI (PH) believed to be identical with EDMUND SALVATORE TALUCCI, 1141 Edgewood Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, who in 1953 was director of Farms and Industry for the State of Indiana.

On March 8, 1962, Chief of Police, CASIMER LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [redacted] [redacted] that he had received a call that the subject and one [redacted] had been at the Calumet National Bank of Hammond, Indiana recently where they cashed a \$20,000 check.

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Date March 13, 1962

[] head teller, Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana, advised that on February 28, 1962, [] one of the owners of Zaranti's Restaurant, Calumet City, Illinois, appeared at the Calumet National Bank, and presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 payable to [] signed by FRANK LA PORTE, M & M Distributing Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. [] stated that he could not recall the name of the bank that the check was drawn on, but knew it was one located in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[] continued that since he knows [] and LA PORTE personally and knows that LA PORTE has in the past sent other large checks through the bank for payment, he believed it would be all right to cash same, but on the thought that cashing same would leave the bank short-handed, he contacted [] bank official, who informed [] that the check should first be sent through for collection. [] stated that he so informed [] who in turn left the check with [] for collection through the Chicago Heights, Illinois bank.

[] stated that several days thereafter [] again returned to the bank and received the money for this check.

[] stated that [] presently maintains an account with the Calumet National Bank, and LA PORTE, up until approximately one year ago, also maintained an account at the Calumet National Bank, and therefore both [] and LA PORTE were well known to him. [] stated that [] was alone on both occasions at the bank and he recalled asking [] how LA PORTE was, and he answered that he was "okay".

[] stated that this check had been photographed by the bank and a photograph of same, together with the information concerning the accounts of [] and FRANK LA PORTE could be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [] Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana.

On 3/9/62 at Hammond, Indiana File # IP 92-516
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by SA [] LJC Date dictated 3/9/62

Date March 13, 1962

[redacted] head teller, Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana, advised that he had been in error previously during the day when interviewed by SA [redacted] concerning the maker of the \$20,000 check presented to the Calumet National Bank by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he believed he had informed the interviewing agent that this check had been drawn by FRANK LA PORTE on the concern of the M & M Distributing Company, when in fact the check had been drawn on the account of the Cooperative Music Company and the names FRANK LA PORTE and FRANK FRANZ appeared on the check as makers thereof.

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On 3/9/62 at Hammond, Indiana File # IP 92-516
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by SA [redacted] cdc/LJC Date dictated 3/9/62

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On March 15, 1962, SAs [] and THOMAS W. PARRISH contacted [] Vice President of the Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana. [] immediately introduced the agents to [] cashier. [] produced all records of the bank which were reviewed back as far as 1934. No record was located for FRANK LA PORTE or [] head teller, again furnished substantially the same information stating that after making a more thorough review he located a microfilm photograph of the check and the following information was received:

Check no. 17825 dated February 15, 1962 in the amount of \$20,000, drawn on the account of the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights National Bank, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Payee was listed as [] and the payers were FRANK LA PORTE and FRANK FRANZ. The account number appeared to be 05-7680-7. The check was endorsed with the handwritten signature of []

[] advised that "back in the old days" FRANK LA PORTE and one [] often brought large checks to the Calumet National Bank for cashing. He stated the checks were usually the proceeds from the Owl Club (a syndicate gambling casino prior to its closing in 1958) and that it was an unrecorded agreement that the bank would clear these checks for cash. He stated that to his knowledge neither LA PORTE nor the Owl Club had ever had an actual account with the bank. He could not recall the usual amount of the checks received or how often LA PORTE and [] would come in to the bank. He estimated that it was not unusual for \$50,00 or \$60,000 worth of checks to be cleared by the Owl Club at one time. He stated that there had been no checks of this type cashed for at least the past 4 or 5 years.

[] collection teller, Calumet National Bank, advised that [] had sent [] to her window with a \$20,000 check previously described. She advised [] that they would be unable to immediately cash the check because of its size and it would be necessary for the bank to send the check to the Chicago Heights Bank for cash. She explained to [] that it would take approximately two days for the check to clear and that he should return at that time. Check cleared

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without difficulty and the money was given to her on March 2. She called [] at his restaurant in Calumet City and was advised by his brother that [] was not present and that the message would be given to him that his check had cleared. She believes that the following Wednesday [] came in and received his money which consisted of only \$100 bills. [] gave her \$1.00 from his pocket for the service charge. She stated that [] made no comment on either occasion regarding LA PORTE or any other individual and that she is positive that LA PORTE was not with him when he appeared at the bank.

At approximately 6:50 a.m. on March 6, 1962, an anonymous caller contacted the Chicago Office and advised that she had learned that the government wanted to subpoena FRANK LA PORTE. According to this person the easiest way to find LA PORTE would be through FRANK LUZI, who she described as a nephew and right-hand man of LA PORTE. She advised that LUZI visits a girl nearly every evening at 402 165th Place, Calumet City. LUZI leaves the residence at approximately 10:00 p.m. each evening in a fawn colored 1962 Buick and goes directly to pick up LA PORTE. The caller was extremely emphatic that no publicity should be given to her statements and that she wished to remain anonymous.

As a result of the above information, SAs [] and THOMAS W. PARRISH conducted surveillances at the above address on five successive evenings between 8:00 and 12:00 midnight. Although a thorough search of the neighborhood was conducted, no information was gained indicating that LUZI's Buick was located anywhere in the area nor was LUZI observed entering any address nearby.

On March 16, 1962, [] advised SA PARRISH that she had no knowledge of anyone named LUZI. She stated that she and her husband were retired individuals who were constantly at home. They have no children and she is not acquainted with any young girl who ever visited their home. She further advised that although she does not pay particular attention to the traffic in her area she does not recall seeing a late model Buick in the neighborhood. [] denied all knowledge of acquaintance with FRANK LA PORTE or FRANK

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LUZI. She further advised that she knew of no girls or women residing in the neighborhood who could be described as going with men on dates.

Chicago T-3 advised that FRANK LUZI, 212 West 29th Street, South Chicago Heights, Illinois, has two

Informant stated that

By communication dated April 19, 1962, the Newark Division advised that telephone number MA 4-4422 is listed to [redacted] Newark, New Jersey. The directories also listed a residence for [redacted] West Orange, New Jersey. Spot surveillances were conducted at the above addresses on March 22, 26, 28 and 29, 1962. No individual appearing identical with the subject was observed.

On March 30, 1962, [redacted] was interviewed. He could not identify LA PORTE by name or description as anyone known to him. He advised that the only individual from Chicago with whom he has recent contact is FRANK LUZI, a bail bondsman who was formerly associated with Continental Casualty Company

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and is now associated with the Cosmopolitan Insurance Company, both of Chicago, Illinois. LUZI called his office during the latter part of February, 1962 and requested that [] write a bond for a client of his in Baltimore, Maryland. He was advised that he should make his request in writing through the insurance company. [] stated neither he nor his company have had any further contact with LUZI in the matter. [] advised that he would make inquiry in the Newark area regarding LA PORTE. He was recontacted on April 3, 1962 and advised that he had been unable to develop any information concerning LA PORTE.

By communication dated March 26, 1962, the Baltimore Office advised that telephone LI 2-0515 is listed to [] [] Baltimore, Maryland.

Chicago T-5 advised that [] is a bondsman who advised the informant that he does not know FRANK LUZI personally but had had occasion to have telephone conversations with him where it concerned [] [] defendants in a White Slave Traffic Act matter. Informant advised that [] told him this was the only contact he had had with LUZI and that he had never heard of the subject.

Chicago T-6 advised that FRANK LA PORTE has [] [] and that the following

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Chicago T-7 advised that FRANK LA PORTE who he had previously described as being in the vicinity of Brooks Restaurant, Miami, Florida, was information he had obtained from a girl who is mutually known to the informant and LA PORTE. At the time of the conversation with the girl, she had not been able to check the information and had not located LA PORTE. Informant stated LA PORTE has been dating this girl for approximately 8 or 9 months and that the girl wanted to get in touch with LA PORTE in order to get some money from him for her support. This indicated to the informant that she was maintaining a very intimate relationship with LA PORTE or else would not be in a position to ask for support money. This girl could be contacted through North Miami telephone number NA 1-8983 and more recently at NA 1-0161. Chicago T-7 stated that about 6 months ago this girl had advised that LA PORTE was to take her to California and described a mine which was located in that area. Informant does not know whether she ever made the trip but in all likelihood she probably accompanied LA PORTE as she has been living with him frequently during that period of time. Informant described the girl as being quite good looking but very dumb and LA PORTE apparently took a liking to her and visited her frequently.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 19, 1962

The records of [redacted]
[redacted] were reviewed regarding [redacted]
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The above records are confidential and can only
be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.
This subpoena should be directed to [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

On 2/12/62 at Hialeah, Florida File # Miami 92-138
by IC [redacted] mbs/LJC Date dictated 2/12/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 19, 1962

The records of [] and
[] were reviewed and the following long
distance calls were obtained for telephone number []

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The above records are confidential and can only
be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.
This subpoena should be directed to []

[] Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

On 2/12/62 at Hialeah, Florida File # Miami 92-138
by IC [] mbs/LJC Date dictated 2/12/62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 19, 1962

The records of the [redacted]
[redacted] were reviewed and the following information
obtained for telephone number [redacted]

The records reflects this number is listed to
[redacted] and it is a
non-published telephone.

The above records are confidential and can only
be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.
This subpoena should be directed to [redacted]

[redacted] Miami, Florida, or his authorized representative.

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On 2/12/62 at Hialeah, Florida File # Miami 92-138
by IC [redacted] mbs/LJC Date dictated 2/12/62

Date February 19, 1962

The records of [redacted]
[redacted] were reviewed and the following long
distance calls were obtained for telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] subscribed to by [redacted]

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The above records are confidential and can only
be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.
This subpoena should be directed to [redacted]

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[redacted] Miami, Florida, or his authorized
representative.

On 2/12/62 at Hialeah, Florida File # Miami 92-138
by IC [redacted] mbs/LJC Date dictated 2/12/62

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Chicago T-6 advised that telephone number [redacted]
is subscribed to by [redacted]

[redacted]
Niles, Illinois.

Chicago T-8 advised that [redacted] owner of the Five O'Clock Club, 159th and Torrence Avenue, Calumet City and [redacted] owner of John's Pizzeria, State Street, Calumet City and one [redacted] LNU were attending the horse races on March 7, 1962 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Informant stated that [redacted] are both close associates and friends of FRANK LA PORTE.

By communication dated March 8, 1962, the Little Rock Office advised that [redacted] was a guest at the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. No information was obtained that the subject was in that area.

By communication dated March 17, 1962, the Louisville Office advised that on March 13, 1962, [redacted] Spottsville, Kentucky was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] claimed that he has not spoken to FRANK LA PORTE for the past 7 or 8 years and that he was never a close associate or acquaintance with LA PORTE. [redacted] admitted that he had been in a tavern and night club business in Chicago Heights, Illinois and knew LA PORTE handled juke boxes and has a music store on Halsted Street in Chicago Heights. [redacted] stated he never had any arguments with LA PORTE but that he would never take any of LA PORTE's juke boxes in any of his taverns and that he never liked LA PORTE as an individual. [redacted] added that he and LA PORTE grew up in the "hungry hill" section of Chicago Heights. He claimed that he does not know if LA PORTE ever handled any slot machines or pin ball machines or if any pressure was used to get his juke boxes in a favorable location but did add that there were lots of windows broken. He did not elaborate on this statement. [redacted] stated he has no information of any kind concerning the whereabouts or activities of the subject. He does not know LA PORTE's business associates. He stated that he presumed that LA PORTE is connected with the rackets. [redacted] commented

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that he built his place of business, the J.B. Resort at Spottsville, in 1957 but has owned the land since 1934. He is staying in Kentucky because his wife is from that area.

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department advised that he has obtained the following list of license numbers of individuals who have been observed entering or leaving the residences of LA PORTE and his relatives on Cambridge Road in Flossmoor, Illinois:

1961 Illinois 686501 - Buick
1961 Illinois AR 3239 - Plymouth, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights

1961 Illinois KR 3253 - Chevrolet, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights

1961 Illinois FL 1731 - Oldsmobile, Courtesy
Lease Save Plan, Inc., 2147 South Canalport,
Chicago

1961 Illinois 347-604 - Plymouth Station Wagon.
[redacted]
on a Rambler

1962 Chicago Heights Vehicle # 1063

1961 Illinois KK 8329 - Pontiac, [redacted]
[redacted] Homewood, Illinois

1961 Illinois FL 1731 - Oldsmobile, Courtesy Lease
Save Plan, Inc., 2148 South Canalport, Chicago

1962 Illinois 962-050, Cadillac

1962 Illinois HC1128, Buick

1962 Illinois HF5815, Corvair

1962 Illinois HK 7069, Pontiac

1961 Illinois LM 1532, Valiant, [redacted]
[redacted] Joliet, date parked unknown

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1962 Illinois, HF 5817, Buick

1961 Indiana 90748A, Chevrolet

1962 Illinois 993-215, 1962 Buick

1962 Illinois HH 8813, Pontiac, 1962

1962 Illinois HD 1105, Pontiac

1962 Illinois HC 1128, Buick

Indiana BF5158, truck parked on front driveway
Name on side 5th Wheels, Inc.

1962 Illinois NC 5572, Buick

1962 Illinois HA 4852, Pontiac, 1961

1962 Illinois GR 7302, Valiant

Chevrolet El Camino, name on side Competition
Enterprises

1962 Illinois HH 4852, Pontiac, 1961

1962 Illinois HF 5817

1962 Illinois NC 5572, Buick, 1962

1962 Illinois 911502, Pontiac

1962 Illinois 574647, Pontiac, 1959

1962 Illinois HR 6750, Buick

1962 Illinois 352050, Cadillac

1962 Illinois HH 8313, Pontiac

1962 Illinois HV 2331, Rambler Station Wagon

Florida Plate, yellow background, black letters
1958 Cadillac convertible

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1962 Illinois GR 7302, Valiant

1962 Illinois HC 1128 Buick

1962 Illinois HC 5917, Buick

1962 Illinois 974638

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Chicago T-9 advised that he has known FRANK LA PORTE, DOMINICK (TOOTSIE) PALERMO, his brother WILLIE PALERMO, ANTHONY "TONY" ACCARDO and ALFRED PILLOTTO who he described as Chicago Heights hoodlums since the middle 1930's. TOOTSIE PALERMO, formerly operated the Black Steer Restaurant near the Chicago Stock Yards and came to Calumet City immediately after World War II. He was backed by FRANK LA PORTE. PALERMO, TONY FRANZ and other opened the Blue Bird Restaurant in Calumet City which was later remodeled to employ "strippers and B girls". Informant stated that in the past he was associated with the manager of the Playhouse Night Club, Calumet City, Illinois which was then owned by [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that the Playhouse was a number 1 night club in Calumet City in the 1930's and that the proceeds from this operation were way above the average of the other night clubs which were being operated at that time. On a unrecalled night shortly after World War II he entered the Playhouse but found [redacted] extremely upset over the fact that two unidentified hoodlums reportedly hired by PALERMO and LAPORTE had during the noon hour dropped two "stink bombs" in the Playhouse while the bartender was operating the establishment. The odor from these bombs on the stage and in the carpeting made it necessary for the club to close that day for the purpose of fumigation. Upon its re-opening the Playhouse again attracted the majority of customers and operated smoothly for several days until a representative of the Bartender's Union appeared and ordered the bartender from behind the bar since the Playhouse had failed to join the union. Upon going outside it was noted that the establishment was being picketed by various Italian individuals who were normally employed in other strip joints in Calumet City.

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Chicago T-9 advised that shortly thereafter [] advised informant that he "must go with the boys to stay open" and thereafter had agreed to be on a 50 to 50 basis with the LA PORTE group. Informant stated that from talking with [] he realized that under LA PORTE's direction, PALERMO, FRANZ and others had "muscled" their way into the ownership of the Playhouse and other taverns. The Playhouse soon appeared to be operating completely under the direction of PALERMO. Informant continued to be familiar with the activities in the Playhouse and soon realized that the PALERMOS, LA PORTE, ACCARDO and PILOTTO were closely associated in a syndicate operation which apparently was offering a "protection service" to the more prominent night spots in Calumet City.

Chicago T-9 stated that during this same period of time the now famous "Owl Club" a known big time gambling "joint" was operating under the ownership of TONY ACCARDO and FRANK LA PORTE. The money from this club often amounted from \$80,000 to \$100,000 daily which was placed in a vault at the Playhouse for safe keeping. He recalled that [] who has resided at the Hammond Hotel, Hammond, Indiana for the past 25 years was a "overseer" at the club and although he appears unemployed at this time has maintained a close association with LA PORTE. He advised that [] present operator of a car wash located at State and Stateline, Hammond, Indiana, formerly was a bookkeeper for the LA PORTE interests in Calumet City and to Chicago T-9 is the only known individual that was ever involved in the rackets who was allowed to choose an outside profession and completely break away from this syndicate.

Chicago T-9 advised that "one armed" [] continues to own and supervise all night clubs located on Plumber Street, Calumet City. [] is a close friend and has advised on several occasions that his places on Plumber Street have no connection with those on State Street which are supervised and owned by LA PORTE. He stated, however, that [] is a very close associate of [] whom the informant feels is also a "LA PORTE man" in Calumet City. Informant states that [] who controls gambling and bookmaking in Hammond, Indiana is related to DOMINICK PALERMO and he believes that he is PALERMO's nephew.

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On March 11, 1962, the Chicago Heights Star, a bi-weekly newspaper carried an article concerning the funeral services for FRANK COSTELLO, 76, of 277 West 16th Place, Chicago Heights. COSTELLO was born January 30, 1886 at Caccamo, Italy, and lived in this area for 30 years. The article went on to state that he is survived by his widow ROSARIA, 3 daughters, Mrs. VIRGINIA PANIO, Chicago Heights, Mrs. ROSE BATTAGLIA, Kankakee, Illinois and Mrs. JOSEPHINE ROMA of Chicago, Illinois; 3 sisters Mrs. JEANNIE LA BUE, Mrs. JOSEPHINE MACALUSO and Mrs. CECILIA PIAZZA, all of Chicago Heights. Mr. COSTELLO was preceded in death by a son JOSEPH in 1932 and 3 brothers, JOE, SAM and CHARLES.

Previous investigation has established that the COSTELLOs had been very closely associated with the "syndicate" or LA PORTE interests in the Chicago Heights area and that JOE COSTELLO presently owns the Chicago Heights Distributing Company which supplies the great majority of taverns in the Chicago Heights area and is also reported to control the distribution of liquor licenses in that city. SAs [] and PARRISH conducted a surveillance of the wake and funeral procession of FRANK COSTELLO. During the time of the surveillance the subject was not observed although numerous individuals who have previously been identified and considered as members of the "syndicate" were observed. Ownership of the numerous licenses obtained are presently being determined.

The April 1, 1962, edition of the "Chicago Heights Star" previously described carried an article concerning the death of STEFANO GENE FRANZE. He was described as a life long resident of Chicago Heights and was born May 11, 1960. Survivors included his wife CLARA and 3 sisters Mrs. IRENE ROY, East Chicago Heights, Mrs. CATHERINE SIRIANI and Mrs. MARY TOSSI of Chicago Heights. He is also survived by four brothers, DOMINICK, TONY, JOR and FRANK, all of Chicago Heights.

Previous investigation was established that TONY and FRANK FRANZ are the licensees of various Calumet City, Illinois "strip joints" and are listed as owners of the Cooperative Music Company of Chicago Heights which is the place of operation for all of the subject's illegitimate activities. STEVE FRANZ, the decedent, had been a fireman for the City of Chicago Heights

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for many years and was considered to be less involved in any criminal activities. A surveillance of the FRANZE wake and funeral procession was conducted by SAs PARRISH and [] on March 30, 1962 and the subject was not observed as being in attendance. Numerous license numbers of individuals believed to be close associates of the subject were observed and are presently being checked for ownership.

Chicago T-10 advised that he observed FRANKIE LA PORTE on Friday night, March 2, 1962 in the Club Corsica, 79th and Western Avenue in Chicago. This source did not go to additional detail regarding his observation of the subject. Observation of the Club Corsica during the evening hours of March 5, 6 and 7, 1962, by SA PARRISH failed to indicate that the subject was known or present at the club.

Chicago T-7 advised that he had recently been in contact with FRANK LA PORTE's nephew, FRANK LUZI who represents LA PORTE's interests in the Bonding Company at Chicago Heights. LUZI stated that he had recently been in contact with LA PORTE and told the informant that LA PORTE was "on the lamb again". He inferred that LA PORTE was no longer in California but stated that he was in contact with LUZI on occasions. LUZI furnished his business telephone as SKYline 4-2629. LUZI told him that telephone number was for his Bonding Company and also is the automobile telephone which he has in his 1962 Buick.

Previous investigation has established that SKYline 4-2629 is subscribed by the Skyline Answering Service at 1911 South Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois. It is a number for approximately 20 other businesses and individuals which utilize the answering service. Investigation indicates that LUZI has no physical office and operates the Bonding Company from his home and automobile.

[] Federal Communications Officer, Old Court House, Chicago, advised SA PARRISH on March 22, 1962 that a review of his records reflects that there is no mobile type transmitting equipment authorized for the Chicago Heights area. SA [] interviewed LUZI on another matter and had occasion to observe the interior of LUZI's automobile. Under suitable pretext he learned that LUZI receives two-way radio service from the South Shore Radio and Telephone, Inc. at 6405 Olcott, Hammond Indiana. His receiving and transmitting unit is under the trade name Motrac which is manufactured by the

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Motorola Company and has an approximate 15 mile range in the Chicago Heights area. LUZI's automobile is described as a 1962 metallic grey Electra 4 door Buick with 1962 Illinois license 905404. It has two radio aerials, one on the right front fender which appears to be a regular commercial a.m. radio and a small 12 to 14 inch antenna mounted in the middle of the car's trunk.

[redacted] was recontacted and advised that a review of his records reflect the South Shore Company has six frequencies assigned to them. Two of the frequencies are 158.67 and 152.21 megacycles. LUZI's car is assigned number 14. The Manager of the South Shore Company is listed as [redacted] JR. and there is a close financial tie-in with commercial radio station WJOB in Hammond, Indiana.

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CG T-11 advised that he has not seen FRANK LA PORTE in approximately three months. He stated that he last observed him at the wake of JOHN ROBERTS, a Chicago Heights hoodlum who recently died. He stated that although LA PORTE was in hiding, LA PORTE was very close to ROBERTS and since it was an Italian wake, he had to appear at the wake.

Informant said that [redacted] whom he described as "outfit juice man", had recently gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and on the first day [redacted] had \$2,000 stolen from his room at the Majestic Hotel.

[redacted] a relative of LOUIS "LITTLE NEW YORK" CAMPAGNA, resides in Hammond, Indiana, and is regularly employed as a houseman for the bookmaking and poker activities carried on at Poor Eddie's in Burnham, Illinois. He is assisted in this endeavor by [redacted] (phonetic), former high police official in Burnham. The activities are conducted with the sanction of LA PORTE and the "outfit". [redacted] also operates Whitey's Tavern in Calumet City. Informant stated that FRANK LUZI who he considers an important lieutenant for LA PORTE is presently living with a girl named [redacted] who lives in a basement apartment at 156th and Freeland in Calumet City. She recently had a baby by LUZI and intends to go back to work as a stripper at Club Southern in Calumet City. Approximately two weeks ago, she appeared to be in a very depressed state of mind because LUZI is no longer taking good care of her. The source is of the opinion that she could furnish considerable information regarding LUZI's and LA PORTE's activities. Informant stated that [redacted] "outfit connected", is the individual who furnishes the money for the red fence in Dalton, Illinois. This place has recently been turned into a "strip joint" and is undoubtedly owned by LA PORTE.

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CG T-12 advised that FRANK LA PORTE is the "big man" in southern Cook County and answers only to SAM GIANCANA, the number one man in the Chicago organized crime. LA PORTE controls all gambling and prostitution in southern Cook County and Will County, Illinois. He has recently opened up new operations in Joliet, Illinois. His joints in Calumet City are now closed down and the only thing that goes now is strictly over the counter business. He explained this as meaning that the only thing one can take now from the customers or suckers is what the person puts on the bar. Most of the Calumet City operations have now moved to Torence Avenue in Calumet City and Lansing, Illinois.

[redacted] and his brother [redacted] are big men in LA PORTE's operations and control prostitution and gambling in the Calumet City--Chicago Heights area.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] and drives a 1962 black Cadillac, 1962 Illinois License 968-419.

[redacted] has done muscle work and jobs for the "outfit". [redacted] is an avid gambler. He is living with [redacted] who for years has operated the Palace Bar in Calumet City which is owned by "TOOTSIE" PALERMO another associate of LA PORTE's. [redacted] is a big man in LA PORTE's "outfit" and is a close associate of LA PORTE. He is more or less considered the legitimate end of the rackets in Calumet City. RAY MALEK, former Chief of Police, Calumet City, has a financial interest in the Oaks Motel at 154th and Torence Avenue, Calumet City. The Oak is supposedly owned by LA PORTE.

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The attorney used by the "outfit" people in the Chicago Heights area is [redacted] Halsted Street, Chicago Heights. He has a reputation to be able to fix all cases held in southern Cook County. He is the law partner of ANTHONY SCARNIO, Representative to the Illinois House of Representatives. FRANK LUZZI, 1911 Halsted, Chicago Heights, is the bondsman used by all people connected with the "outfit". The accountant used by the "outfit" people including the strippers and prostitutes for their income tax problems is [redacted] Chicago Heights.

The Cape Cod Club in Burnham, Illinois, is a former gambling joint and known hangout and meeting place of FRANK LA PORTE. In order to gain entrance to the Cape Cod Club, you must have a club card which you insert into the main door. The Club has been recently remodeled and is now very plush. At approximately 5:15 a.m. on March 30, 1962, a woman was observed bringing a tray of food to the Club and taking it to the back room on the right side. CG T-12 believed that FRANK LA PORTE is hiding out in the back room. His belief is based on the fact that he noticed approximately six or seven "security guards" which formerly were not there and the fact that food was being brought in.

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LA PORTE has moved a good deal of his activities to Joliet, Illinois. The Zaza Lounge and Club and the Show Club both in Joliet are owned by [redacted] for LA PORTE's benefit.

According to the informant, the following places are owned by LA PORTE or ones which LA PORTE has secret partnership:

5 O'clock Club
Calumet City

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Club Palace
Calumet City

The Plantation
Calumet City

The Oaks Motel
Calumet City

The Shanti
Burham, Illinois

CG T-12 advised that in addition to south Cook County, FRANK LA PORTE has an interest in the Club Rouge, a strip joint located at Clark and Randolph Streets in the Loop. His partner in this venture is GUS ALEX. The informant advised that [redacted] operate the club. [redacted] represents [redacted] interest and ACE represents LA PORTE's. [redacted] formerly worked in and around a number of LA PORTE's clubs in Calumet City and was a notorious pimp who is still married to a prostitute who works at the Club Rouge. ACE was also a muscle man for LA PORTE and has administered a number of baseball beatings and is believed to have killed a person for the "outfit" and was rewarded with the Loop club. It is CG T-12's opinion that [redacted] do not agree on management and that some day they will have a big fight.

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CG T-13 advised that [redacted] a former operator of Calumet City strip joints has applied for a loan in the amount of \$100,000 from the Chatnam Bank of Chicago. Part of the money will be used to pay off the balance owing on 100 vending machines dispensing sandwiches in taverns in Chicago Heights, Calumet City and Hammond, Indiana. As collateral for this loan, he will furnish his equity in a land contract. The real estate involved is a hotel called the "Amberlight" at Union City, Indiana. [redacted] sold their beneficial interest to

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to the Rose Company which is controlled by [] and one [] claims that he can also obtain an option on 200 building lots near Tinley Park, Illinois, and would like to get into the general construction business. He claims that he has talked to the Tinley Park Savings and Loan Association with commitments on a package home mortgage in the amount of \$17,500 with a \$300 downpayment. [] advised CG T-13 that he was reluctant to submit any financial statement to the bank because Calumet City is full of "G Mep" and he is afraid that a financial statement would fall into the hands of the "tax people". On March 17, 1962, Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that vice raids were conducted at the Follies Berquere Club, 100 State Street, and the Club Southern, 112 State Street. Chief stated that LA PORTE owned both of these operations and that 73 people were arrested. On March 22, 1962, Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that [] appeared to be the mystery man of the syndicate and attempted to appear as a legitimate businessman who recently has been interceding for hoodlums who own the strip joints on State Street. They are attempting to obtain liquor licenses so that they could reopen. It is the Chief's opinion that [] is quite powerful in his own right and not subservient to LA PORTE. He is by far the most polished and well spoken of all individuals who are familiar to the State Street scene. Chief advised that the State Line Lunch at 19 State Street is the best known hangout for hoodlums and that a great many of his police officers eat at this restaurant without paying for their meals. The tab is usually picked up by some hoodlum at the restaurant. He stated that he feels he has only three police officers that he could trust to do any police work against any operation which is controlled by the syndicate. Of the five remaining clubs opened on State Street, two will be refused liquor licenses and the mayor has called the remaining three operators in an effort to get them to voluntarily cease strip shows and change their type of entertainment to a more respectable area.

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The Chief advised that in his opinion, the 15 or 20 clubs when they were in full operation did not buy their liquor or soft drinks from any particular distributor. He noticed many different type of trucks delivering liquor and feels sure that they all did not belong to the Chicago Heights Distributing Company. The mayor and chief have been able to close various clubs on the basis that the licensees are undesirable and that the clubs' background is such that this licenses should not be granted. He described this as a purely administrative weapon and forces the owner to go to court to obtain licenses. This in turn takes considerable time and money.

On March 3, 1962, Officer [] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised that a 16 year old boy, who lives in Flossmoor, drove by LA PORTE's house twice and possibly into LA PORTE's driveway. He became scared and started to drive away at a rapid pace. He was followed by two cars and stopped approximately two miles from LA PORTE's house and was questioned as to why he was in the area of LA PORTE's house. He was told that if he was caught again in the area he would be arrested or better yet severely beaten. Officer [] stated that he tentatively identified one of the molester as FRANK FRANZ.

On subsequent weekends, SA PARRISH and Officer [] in Officer [] personally owned automobile drove into LA PORTE's driveway during the late evening hours but were not bothered by any pursuing cars.

On April 6, 1962, [] Investigator, United States Subcommittee, advised that he had conducted surveillances at the home of FRANK LA PORTE and other relatives in that area in an effort to locate LA PORTE for service of a subpoena. He stated that he observed numerous cars in the area, but found no indications that LA PORTE himself was at home. He further advised that he had obtained the following information concerning LA PORTE's family:

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LA PORTE's father's name was SAMUEL LIPAROTA who was shot and killed, no other details. LA PORTE's wife is MARGARET MARY PELI. She was born in Hungary in 1911. It is alleged that LA PORTE has another wife still living at an unknown address and that PELI is not actually married to him and they have been living common law for the past 20 years. LA PORTE has the following sisters:

NATALIE, married to THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ

CONCETTA, Aka. Connie, married to ANTHONY FRANZ

FRANCES, married to FRANK FRANZ

THERESA, married to RUGGERIO LUZI

VICTORIA, married to MARTIN PULCINI

JEANNIE, married to RAYMOND GUADAGNATA, living in California

ROSINA, Aka. Rose, married to JAMES IADEROSA, Aka. James Ross

On April 24, 1962, [] advised that subpoenas had been issued for the following relatives and associates of LA PORTE:

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Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE - served

SAM MITCHELL - served

DOC AMATIO - served

FRANK FRANZ - served

DOMINIC PALERMO - served

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FRANK LUZI - served

ALFRED PILOTTI - served

ERNEST KANABENHANS - served

TONY FRANZ - unserved

TED BARTUSIEWICZ - unserved

JAMES ROSS - unserved

He stated that these were issued primarily in an effort to force LA PORTE to accept service of the committee subpoena. The starting date for the Senate Hearings have been set for June 4, 1962.

[redacted] Patrolman, Calumet City Police Department, advised on March 9, 1962, that he had received information from a reliable source who he would not identify that the subject was presently hiding out at the Cape Cod Club which is located in Burnham, Illinois. LA PORTE supposedly has his meals sent in. This information was furnished immediately to investigators of the Senate Subcommittee who stated that they would attempt to obtain the service of the Chicago Police Intelligence Unit in an effort to determine if subject was actually staying at the club.

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Dun and Bradstreet Report

Sic	Name & Address	Started	Rating
58 13	Cape Cod Club [redacted] Owner	Or 2 Oct. 1957 26, 1961 N Tavern	—
	13858 S. Avenue "O" Chicago (Burnham) Ill.	Trade Sales Empls	COD \$50,000 2

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Summary

Financial Details Lacking.

Trade

HC	Owe P Due Terms	October 26, 1961	SOLD
(1)	C.O.D.		hrs.
(2)	C.O.D.		3 yrs.
(3)	C.O.D.		3 yrs.

Finance

On October 25, 1961, LAURA CEROVINA declined all details. Outside sources estimate:

Mdse	\$4,000
Fixt and Equip	5,000

Net sales \$50,000 estimated yearly. Outside sources estimate volume is steady. Close analysis is difficult due to lack of financial details. Banking relations were declined.

Operation

Operates a tavern with sales to local trade for cash. Two employees. LOCATION: Rents one story frame building located at a busy intersection. Space occupied on first floor measures 40 X 80 feet. Premises are neat.

History

Style is unregistered and used for general business purposes. Operations began in 1957.

[redacted] is generally indicated to be owner here. She declined all details on herself and to the ownership of the club. Subject appears to be in her late 40's. On numerous occasions she has declined further antecedents, and they could not be gained from other sources.

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Chicago T-14 advised on April 18, 1962 that on April 16, 1962, CARL RELI, former Chief of Police, Markham, Illinois, was in the company of the subject and Alderman VITO MARZULLO, Chicago. Chicago T-14 advised that LA PORTE is a close associate and friend of MARZULLO as is RELI. MARZULLO at one time had RELI make a trip to California to contact LA PORTE for him, and on another occasion he had one [] (PH) of Chicago Heights make a trip to St. Louis to contact LA PORTE. Chicago T-14 stated that LA PORTE was in California at the time of his wife's attempted suicide and that the subject allegedly stayed in St. Louis, Missouri for a two month period. According to the informant MARZULLO is the Democratic whip for Mayor RICHARD DALEY of Chicago. MARZULLO travels to Springfield, Illinois where he does considerable lobbying for Chicago interests in the State Congress. MARZULLO is a close personal friend and associate of PAT ROMANO and one UZINO, both of whom are Illinois State Representatives. When in Springfield he spends considerable time with these two individuals. They frequent The Supper Club in Springfield and MARZULLO is alleged to be part-owner. Chicago T-14 further advised that LA PORTE when in Chicago is in regular contact with Alderman MARZULLO and based upon information available to him he is of the opinion that LA PORTE is now living somewhere in the Chicago area.

On March 16, 1962, Chief of Police, Calumet City, advised that [] had asked for permission to keep the 5 O'Clock Club open until 6 a.m. because he intended to have a large birthday party on March 17, 1962.

On March 17, 1962, SAs JOHN W. PARISH and [] conducted a surveillance at the 5 O'Clock Club. Subject was not observed, however, there were numerous individuals at the Club who were identified as associates of the subject. License numbers were obtained and are presently being checked to determine ownership.

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The following composite description of the subject was obtained through investigation and interrogation of numerous individuals:

Name	FRANK LA PORTE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Italian
Height	5'6"
Weight	185
Age	60 years
Complexion	Light
Hair	Dark brown, steel gray at ears, balding on top
Dress	Wears white ties on white shirts; expensive suits; wears 4 carat diamond ring on little finger; wears lapel handkerchief with initials F.L.
Characteristics	Smokes Ensign cigars; drinks martinies; well spoken except when excited then shows Italian dialect; carries considerable cash in left trouser pocket
Scars	Small $\frac{1}{4}$ inch scar in front of ear on right side of cheek

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
May 3, 1962

FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

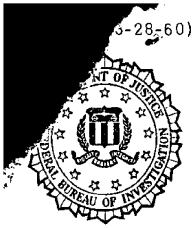
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Characterization of informants:

- CG T-1 A source who was in a position to determine if subject was in Linden, California.
- CG T-2 A source who is acquainted with the neighborhood of subject's sister.
- CG T-3 A person who is acquainted with Al Rositti.
- CG T-4 An individual employed with the telephone company.
- CG T-5 A source who is acquainted with gambling elements of Baltimore.
- CG T-6 An employee of [redacted]
[redacted]
- CG T-7 An individual who is acquainted with various gamblers and hoodlums.
- CG T-8 A source who has a wide knowledge of South Cook County illegal activity.

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- CG T-9 A person who for many years has been involved in the activity on State Street in Calumet City, Illinois.
- CG T-10 A person who knows numerous hoodlums.
- CG T-11 A gambler who is well acquainted with South Cook County.
- CG T-12 A person who is familiar with the activities of some hoodlums.
- CG T-13 A hoodlum who is able to report on the activities of his associates.
- CG T-14 A person who is familiar with numerous Illinois politicians.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
May 3, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: **5/2/62**Transmit the following in _____
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)
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Two additional sources developed who are able to furnish information on subject's activities. Indications are that subject and unknown associates plan to leave Chicago for Seattle World's Fair "this week" via airlines. Seattle has been advised and coverage established at O'Hare Airport, Chicago. Subject has previously been living somewhere near Joliet, Illinois.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 92-5793

DATE: 5/1/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

Attention:

☐ Domestic Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka.
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☒ Investigative Division

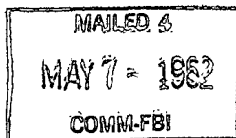
Name:

Address:

Type of Mail: 1st class
Type of Cover: Carrier
Period Covered: 5/2/62
Purpose of Cover: Location of subject for service of U.S. Senate subpoena.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau.
If necessary continue on extra page.)

This person is alleged to be a paramour of the subject. Sources state they have been observed together on recent occasions. Info available that subject traveling to Seattle Worlds Fair and probability exists that he will correspond with this individual. There appears to be no probability of embarrassment to the Bureau



If authorized:

☒ FD-115 will be directed to Postmaster:

(name) PAUL SCHMUKER

(address) 150 Scott St.

Joliet, Illinois

☐ FD-115a will be directed to Postal Inspector: (name)

(address)

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to the Bureau exists.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *Cap*

DATE: May 9, 1962

FROM : T. J. McAndrews *McA*SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

LaPorte is a notorious hoodlum in the Chicago area and is subject of intensive investigation by our Chicago Division.

ASAC Handley of the Chicago Division called today to request authorization to obtain an observation post covering 707 Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois, an address frequented by LaPorte. It is anticipated that this observation post will provide significant information on LaPorte's activities and criminal associates. *6-1*

ACTION

In view of the importance of this investigation, Handley was authorized to expend up to \$100 per month on a month to month lease for the observation post to be located at 707 Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois. Full security is assured.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans ✓

DATE: June 1, 1962

FROM : T. J. McAndrews *may*SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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LaPorte is the Chicago hoodlum who has been hiding out to avoid service of subpoena to appear before the McClellan Committee.

ASAC Handley of Chicago advised today that LaPorte frequents the D'Andrea Construction Company, 787 Richard Street, Joliet, Illinois. Handley requested authorization to rent an observation post at 717 Richard Street, Joliet, in order to discreetly observe the D'Andrea Construction Company in an effort to locate LaPorte. This observation post will cost \$25 per month.

In view of the importance of this subject and the necessity for discreet investigation, Handley was authorized to expend \$25 on a month-to-month basis in maintaining this observation post.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-5793/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/

SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUB COMMITTEE, AR DASH DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] VP, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CHICAGO, ADVISED HE RESIDES FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS. A DRUGIST IN THAT AREA TOLD HIM HE DELIVERED DRUGS TO LA PORTE-S HOUSE, ^{LESS} THAN ONE MONTH AGO AND TALKED TO THE SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT DRUGIST WAS [REDACTED] HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS. HE ADMITTED TALKING WITH [REDACTED] BUT DENIED HE HAD EVER SEEN LA PORTE OR BEEN TO HIS HOME. CLAIMED HE WAS REFERRING TO AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] HAD MISUNDERSTOOD HIM.

REVIEW OF DRUG DELIVERY RECORDS SHOW NO DELIVERIES TO SUBJECT-S HOME.

REMAINDER OF SUBJECT-S NEIGHBORS CONTACTED INCLUDING AVAILABLE BROTHER IN LAWS AND NO PERTINENT INFO OBTAINED RE SUBJECT-S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4793

FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AR, DAILY SUMMARY.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO NEW YORK JUNE ELEVEN LAST ENTITLED
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.

DAILY TELETYPES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED AND
CAPTIONED SENATE INVESTIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE AR. SINCE BOTH
INVESTIGATIONS ARE INTER DASH RELATED ABOVE TITLE WILL NOW
BE UTILIZED TO AVOID DUPLICITY AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
ECONOMY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE ASSISTED
WILCO VENDING MACHINE COMPANY, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY
OWNED BY SUBJECT, [REDACTED] VARIOUS
EMPLOYEES HE TALKED WITH REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT STATING
HE WAS HIDING OUT. INFORMANT FURNISHED GENERAL INFORMATION
THAT AUTOMATIC COIN COMPANY, JOLIET, IS BELIEVED TO BE THE
GAMBLING MACHINE OUTLET FOR THE SUBJECT'S INTERESTS.

INVESTIGATION BEING INSTITUTED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THIS
INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-5793/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 1PG.

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

~~FIGUR~~ OF SUBJECT-S KNOWN ASSOCIATES AND HANGOUTS CONDUCTED WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT SUBJECT-S WIFE IS A HUNGARIAN ALIEN,
WHO ATTEMPTED TO APPLY FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP, BUT FAILED TO COMPLETE
NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS. SHE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A LICENCEE ON A
NOTORIOUS CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS, QUOTE STRIP JOINT UNQUOTE, WHICH HAS
BEEN CLOSED SEVERAL TIMES BECAUSE OF ITS ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL OPERATIONS
IN THE PAST. INS BEING CONTACTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HER STATUS
IN THE UNITED STATES.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 1P

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS RECENTLY CONTACTED MANY ASSOCIATES AND SUBORDINATES OF THE SUBJECT. WHEN SUBJECT-S NAME IS MENTIONED THEY HAVE ALL STATED THAT HIS NAME SHOULD NEVER BE DISCUSSED WHILE THE QUOTE HEAT UNQUOTE IS ON. INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED THAT CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF THE SUBJECT ARE CONDUCTING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS TALKING TO THE FBI AND ASSSISTING IN ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

PARAMOUR OF FRANK LUZI, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO LUZI-S DEPARTURE TO WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY, HE THREATENED HER TO NOT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH ANY ONE AND DENY THAT SHE KNEW HIM IF QUESTIONED BY ANYONE WHETHER IT BE POLICE OR SOMEONE IN THE QUOTE RACKETS UNQUOTE.

END AND ACK AND HOLDPLS

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FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE ADVISED THAT MANAGER, SIERRA PACIFIC
POWER COMPANY, TAHOE CITY, CALIFORNIA, STATES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LINDEN, CALIFORNIA, HAS A SUMMER HOME AT TAHOE

ESTATES, TAHOE VISTA, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] IS

BROTHER IN LAW TO SUBJECT AND SUBJECT IS KNOWN TO HAVE STAYED

AT HIS HOME IN LINDEN, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST.

INQUIRY REFLECTS THAT PROPERTY HAS NO WATER DURING WINTER

SEASON AND NO INDICATION THAT PROPERTY OCCUPIED AT ANY TIME

DURING WINTER. POSTMASTER AND RELIABLE POLICE CONTACTS

HAVE BEEN ALERTED AND NO INDICATION THAT SUMMER HOME HAS

BEEN OCCUPIED OR THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN THE AREA. SAN

FRANCISCO MAINTAINING CLOSE LIASION WITH PROPER OFFICIALS

TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT ARRIVES IN THE AREA.

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URGENT 6-18-62 10-54 PM RHK
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-5793/
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 2P
FRANK LA PORTE, AR DASH DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] JOLIET, ILLINOIS, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY VARIOUS SOURCES AS THE QUOTE GIRL FRIEND UNQUOTE OF SUBJECT. CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO DETERMINING HER CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES. PREVIOUSLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED SHE MAINTAINED TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR AT LEAST TWO OF SUBJECT-S CLOSE BUSINESS ASSOCIATES. IN INTERVIEW SHE DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND CLAIMS NEVER TO HAVE HEARD HIS NAME.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO AFFORD A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION TO [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE WHETHER SHE IS CLOSE TO LA PORTE AND WHETHER SHE KNOWS OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. IN THE EVENT THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION INDICATES POSEY IS TRUTHFUL IN ASSERTING SHE DOES NOT KNOW LA PORTE OR HIS WHEREABOUTS CHICAGO DIVISION WILL DISCONTINUE

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PAGE TWO

INTENSIFIED EFFORTS REGARDING HER POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT AND WILL UTILIZE THE MANPOWER THUS BEING EXPENDED IN OTHER AREAS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE LA PORTE.

☐ STATED THAT SHE WILL BE IN CHICAGO SIX TWENTY NEXT AND WOULD VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION. b6 b7C

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FROM: Director, FBI

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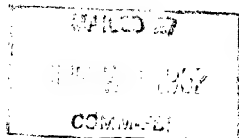
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It is not deemed advisable at this time to afford a Polygraph examination to reported girl friend of subject, [redacted] in absence of definite indication she knows LaPorte's whereabouts or is being contacted by him.

NOTE: [redacted] Joliet, Illinois, has been described as the girl friend of subject and Chicago has been covering her activities in connection with efforts to locate the subject who is sought as a witness by the McClellan Committee. In the absence of more definite information establishing that Posey is in contact with LaPorte, it is not felt that she should be given a Polygraph examination at this point and that Chicago should continue efforts through other sources to locate LaPorte.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 15, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reference is made to the Director's inquiry as to the correctness of a statement in the news June 14, 1962, attributed to Jerome S. Adlerman, General Counsel of the McClellan Subcommittee, to the effect that the Subcommittee Investigators and the FBI have been unable to locate LaPorte, for whom a subpoena was issued six months ago. (LaPorte is a Chicago area hoodlum.)

By way of background, on January 25, 1962, the Subcommittee requested assistance of the FBI in locating LaPorte for appearance as a witness. Our San Francisco Office thereafter located LaPorte January 29, 1962, at the home of his sister in Linden, California, and advised the U. S. Marshal at Sacramento, California, of his whereabouts. The Subcommittee at Washington, D. C., was also advised of the subject's location. It was later learned that the Deputy U. S. Marshal went to the home of the sister, but missed LaPorte.

Thereafter, in a letter dated May 2, 1962, Senator McClellan personally again requested assistance in locating LaPorte in order that he could then be subpoenaed for appearance as a witness. We have been making inquiries since that date in efforts to locate LaPorte. However, it is obvious he was alerted by the failure of the Deputy U. S. Marshal to serve him and has been on the run seeking to avoid service of subpoena since that time. He is avoiding his home and all other places he formerly frequented. These efforts are centered in the Chicago-Joliet, Illinois, area where subject most recently reported.

We are continuing efforts through sources to locate him.

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ADD 3 ENTERTAINERS, WASHINGTON

MISS GAINSELY SAID SHE ALSO WORKED THE SANDS CLUB, MIAMI, AND IN TAMPA'S CELEBRITY CLUB, LITTLE CLUB, AND CHESTERFIELD CLUB.

GIRLS WERE NOT THREATENED OR URGED TO PROSTITUTE THEMSELVES IN THE FOUR FLORIDA SPOTS, SHE SAID. "THEY DID IT VOLUNTARILY...THEY HAD THEIR REASONS."

BUT IN ALL THE SPOTS, SHE AGREED, IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR GIRLS TO ENGAGE IN WHAT ADLERMAN CALLED A "CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SEXUAL PLAY."

MCCLELLAN, READING FROM PAY ENVELOPES MADE OUT TO MISS GAINSELY BY THE BANDBOX CLUB, HURLEY, WIS., SAID THE OPERATORS INVARIABLY DEDUCTED 10 PER CENT AGENT COMMISSIONS FROM HER PAY BUT NEVER FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX OR SOCIAL SECURITY.

THE GIRL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHE MIGHT ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY FINDING LEGITIMATE WORK NOW THAT SHE HAS TESTIFIED PUBLICLY, BUT SHE SAID, "I WANT TO SEE CONDITIONS BETTERED IN THE FIELD I CHOSE."

LINKIEWICZ TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT A TEARFUL KNABENHAUS ONCE BLURTED OUT TO HIM THAT LA PORTE AND LA PORTE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ "MUSCLED IN" ON CALUMET CITY'S SKY CLUB AND SET THEMSELVES UP AS HIS PARTNERS.

MCCLELLAN, NETTLED AT KNABENHAUS' REFUSAL TO TALK, LEFT HIS CHAIRMAN'S SEAT TO STAND OVER THE WITNESS.

"DID YOU REQUIRE THESE GIRLS TO COMMIT PROSTITUTION?" THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT DEMANDED.

KNABENHAUS, READING FROM A TYPED CARD, SAID HE HONESTLY BELIEVED THE ANSWER MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIM.

WHILE QUESTIONING KNABENHAUS, MCCLELLAN FLOURISHED AN AGVA CONTRACT SIGNED BY KNABENHAUS IN 1959 AS PRESIDENT OF CALUMET CITY'S RAINBOW CLUB. THE CONTRACT WAS COUNTERSIGNED BY JACK BRIGHT, AGVA'S NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, AND BY ERNIE FAST, THE UNION'S OUSTED MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

ADLERMAN SAID SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS AND THE FBI HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE LA PORTE. A SUBPOENA FOR HIS APPEARANCE WAS ISSUED SIX MONTHS AGO.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

REBUCCALL JUNE FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING STATEMENT BY GENERAL COUNCIL, SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, TO THE EFFECT THAT FBI AND SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE LA PORTE FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA.

IMMEDIATELY INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUBJECT AND EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA.

KEEP BUREAU VERY CLOSELY ADVISED AND CONTINUE DAILY TELETYPES.

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NOTE: The McClellan Subcommittee has requested FBI assistance in locating LaPorte who is sought as a witness. The Director has indicated that pressure should be put on our efforts to locate LaPorte for service of subpoena.

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DEFERRED 6-21-62 9-48 AM TN
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-
FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR., DAILY SUMMARY.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED YESTERDAY FROM A SOURCE OF UNKNOWN
RELIABILITY AT HAMMOND THAT HE OVERHEARD [REDACTED]
KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT, IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH
UNKNOWN PARTY MENTION THAT LA PORTE IS AT ONE ARM-S FARM.

ONE ARM IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES MONTELLA,
KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT WHO HAS A FARM IN GREEN COUNTY,
INDIANA. INDIANAPOLIS CONDUCTED DISCREET INQUIRY, DETERMINED
THAT JAMES AND FRANK MONTELLA OF CAL CITY, ILLINOIS, OWN A
LARGE FARM IN GREEN COUNTY WHICH WAS A CATTLE FEEDER OPERATION,
WHICH OPERATION HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED FOR NEARLY A YEAR.
MONTELLAS FORMERLY HIRED WINOS FROM CAL CITY TO RUN THE FARM.

PROPERTY IS FOR SALE AND DISCREET INQUIRY TO DATE HAS FAILED
TO DEVELOP SUBJECT ON PREMISES. INDIANAPOLIS GIVING THIS

MATTER PREFERRED INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION:

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /92-5793/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/

FRANK LA PORTE, AR DASH DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY-NINE THE SUBJECT TRANSFERRED A LOW SIX FIGURE AMOUNT OF CASH TO A BANK IN THE STATE OF SONORA, MEXICO. THE INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT OWNS A FORTY PER CENT INTEREST IN A GAMBLING HOUSE WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR ACAPULCO, MEXICO. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LEGAT OF MEXICO CITY, LOCATE AND VERIFY THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND TO FURTHER DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT PRESENTLY RESIDING IN THAT AREA.

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TO LEGAL ATTACHE MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SENATOR MC CLELLAN, CHAIRMAN, SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, HAS PERSONALLY REQUESTED US TO LOCATE LA PORTE SO SUBCOMMITTEE CAN SERVE SUBPOENA ON HIM. SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY CONTROLS ALL ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH COOK COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AREA INCLUDES NOTORIOUS CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS, WHICH CONSISTS OF STRIP JOINTS, B GIRLS AND PROSTITUTION HOUSES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS PROBING THE AMERICAN GUILD OF VARIETY ARTISTS UNION AND THE UNION'S CONNECTION WITH RACKETEERS.

LA PORTE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE A LOW SIX FIGURE BANK ACCOUNT IN THE STATE OF SONORA, MEXICO, AND IS ALLEGED TO OWN A FORTY PER CENT INTEREST IN A GAMBLING HOUSE LOCATED NEAR ACAPULCO, MEXICO. IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF LA PORTE AND IF LOCATED, ADVISE BUREAU OF SAME. ONCE LOCATED WE MUST BE AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AT ALL TIMES UNTIL THE SUBPOENA IS SERVED.

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CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY
RE: FRANK LA PORTE

LA PORTE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE POUNDS, SIXTY YEARS, LIGHT COMPLEXION,
DARK BROWN HAIR STEEL GREY AT EARS BALDING ON TOP, WEARS WHITE
TIES ON WHITE SHIRTS AND HAS EXPENSIVE SUITS, WEARS FOUR CARAT
DIAMOND ON LITTLE FINGER AND WEARS LAPEL HANDKERCHIEF WITH
INITIALS F. L., SMOKES ENSIGN CIGARS, DRINKS MARTINIES, WELL
SPOKEN EXCEPT WHEN EXCITED THEN SHOWS ITALIAN DIALECT. CARRIES
CONSIDERABLE CASH IN LEFT TROUSER POCKET AND HAS SMALL/QUARTER
INCH SCAR IN FRONT OF EAR ON RIGHT CHEEK. IN VIEW OF DANGEROUS
PROTENSITIES SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
ONE COPY MAILED CHICAGO.

NOTE: McClellan Committee requested Bureau assistance in locating LaPorte for purposes of serving him with subpoena to appear before committee. On 1/29/62 our San Francisco Office located LaPorte at his sister's home in Linden, California. The U. S. Marshal at Sacramento was advised in addition to the Subcommittee in Washington, D. C. The Deputy Marshal went to LaPorte's sister's home, but missed him; thereafter Senator McClellan on May 2, 1962, again requested assistance in locating LaPorte. Our Chicago Office has developed the above information concerning LaPorte from a live informant, and in view of this we are requesting Legat, Mexico to endeavor to locate LaPorte.

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FRANK LA PORTE, AR DASH DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT AND SALES MANAGER, CHICAGO HEIGHTS
DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INTERVIEWED, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT-S PRE-
SENT WHEREABOUTS AND COULD NOT RECALL THE LAST TIME HE SAW HIM. STATES
SUBJECT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN HIS BUSINESS AND HAS NEVER ASSIS-
TED HIM IN ANY WAY. ADMITTED THAT HE FORMERLY SOLD LIQUOR AND WHISKEY
TO THE MAJORITY OF QUOTE STRIP JOINTS UNQUOTE IN CALUMET CITY. HE FURN-
ISHED INFORMATION THAT FIVE FAMILIES IMMIGRATED FROM SICILY TO CHICAGO
HEIGHTS ABOUT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND THAT THESE FAMILIES ARE THE
ONLY SICILIANS IN THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS AREA. HE NAMED THE FAMILIES AS
THE COSTELLOS, MACALUSOS, FUSHIS, THE LO BUES AND FASOS.

HE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT-S FAMILIES WERE CALABRASSES, ITALIAN,
AS ARE MANY OF THE OTHER FAMILIES IN THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS AREA. HE DENIED
THERE WAS ANY TIE IN WITH THE FAMILIES AS FAR AS ANY ILLEGAL ACTIV-
ITIES OF LA PORTE ARE CONCERNED.

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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, TOP HOODLUM, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

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~~FISURS~~ RE RESIDENCES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALL JOLIET, ILLINOIS, UNPRODUCTIVE CONCERNING ANY
PERTINENT LEADS OR INFORMATION RE LOCATION OF LA PORTE.

RECONTACT WITH SOURCES AT AL-S STEAK HOUSE AND THE CLOISTER LOU-
NGE, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, AS WELL AS WITH N.A. MEN, NEGATIVE RE ANY IN-
FORMATION RELATIVE TO LA PORTE-S WHEREABOUTS. SPOT CHECKS, RE OTHER
LOCATIONS NEGATIVE.

SOURCE CLOSE TO FRANCIS CURRY ADVISED LAST TIME SOURCE SAW LA-
PORTE IN JOLIET, ILLINOIS, WAS FOUR ELEVEN SIXTY-TWO AT CLOISTER LOUNGE.
CONTINUAL CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH SOURCE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFO
RE LA PORTE.

~~PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE~~

~~FISURS~~ AND SPOT CHECKS BEING MAINTAINED WEEKEND SIX TWENTY THREE,
SIX TWENTY FOUR SIXTY TWO TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OR DEVELOP PERTINENT
INFO RE LA PORTE-S WHEREABOUTS. REC-62 92-5793-46

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FROM- SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 1P
FRANK LA PORTE, AR, DASH DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS, ADVISED HE SERVED OVER TWO YEARS IN USN WITH SUBJECT. DURING TIME IN SERVICE SUBJECT NEVER MENTIONED HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANIZED CRIME BUT ALWAYS HAD LARGE SUMS OF MONEY AT HIS DISPOSAL. AFTER THE WAR AN UNNAMED ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT LA PORTE WOULD HELP FINANCE [REDACTED] NEW BUSINESS VENTURE [REDACTED] AND THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO SHOW ON THE RECORDS THAT SUBJECT WAS FURNISHING THE FUNDS. [REDACTED] TURNED DOWN THE PROPOSITION AND SINCE THAT TIME HAS SEEN THE SUBJECT BUT THE AFFAIR WAS NEVER MENTIONED. HE LAST SAW SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO AND HAS NO INFO RE HIS PRESENT ACTIVITIES OR WHEREABOUTS.

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To: SAC, Chicago (92-920)

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FRANK LA PORTE
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Reurtel 6/25/62 concerning an interview with
[redacted] Blue Island, Illinois, relative to the subject's
whereabouts.

It should be kept constantly in mind that there is considerable interest on the part of the McClellan Committee in locating LaPorte for service of a subpoena. In view of this every phase of your efforts should be vigorously pressed in order that we can furnish the Committee with the subject's location at the earliest possible moment.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/

FRANK LA PORTE, AR.

DAILY SUMMARY.

AL PILOTTO, FORMER BODYGUARD AND CHAUFFEUR FOR THE SUBJECT AND MORE RECENTLY PRESIDENT OF LOCAL NO. FIVE, HOD CARRIERS UNION, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, RECENTLY RESIGNED HIS POSITION. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT PILOTTO MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE FBI WAS PUTTING SO MUCH QUOTE HEAT ENQUOTE ON HIM, THAT HE COULD NOT CONTINUE HIS UNION ACTIVITIES. THESE SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING HIS CURRENT PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

IT IS NOTED THAT HE HAS HIS TWO BEDROOM HOUSE FOR SALE AT THE ASKING PRICE OF FIFTYFOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS. FISUR OF THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE BY SPECIAL AGENT POSING AS PROSPECTIVE BUYER WAS NEGATIVE OF ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUBJECT.

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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

PCI [REDACTED] A PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN, FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVITIES OF NUMEROUS HOODLUMS IN THE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AREA ADVISED ON JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE FRANK LA PORTE HAD BEEN IN HIS ESTABLISHMENT, [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO WITH LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] HOMICIDE SQUAD, ST. LOUIS PD. LA PORTE WAS REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAD FURNISHED BOND AND WHO HAD SKIPPED. LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] ON INTERVIEW ADVISED THE NAME LA PORTE DID NOT MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM, THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW LA PORTE AND COULD NOT RECALL ANY CONTACT BY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM CHICAGO LOOKING FOR A SKIP ON BOND.

[REDACTED] WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVITIES OF SOME HOODLUMS OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION ADVISED LA PORTE IS UNKNOWN TO HER AND THE DESCRIPTION OF LA PORTE IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HER AS ANY ASSOCIATE OR INDIVIDUAL SHE KNOWS.

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CORRECTION LAST TWO WORDS SHD BE "LA PORTE WAS"
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FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] CHICAGO HOIST AND BODY COMPANY,
CHICAGO, PAREN PROTECT IDENTITY END PAREN ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION WILL BE INSTITUTED TO DETERMINE [REDACTED] CONNEC-
TION WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS./ AND JOE LA PORTE-S RELATIONSHIP TO THE
SUBJECT.

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FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, ^{pe}DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT, GENERAL MUSIC COMPANY, SKOKIE, ILL.
ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO HE HAD INDICATED TO [REDACTED] OF WORLD
WIDE DISTRIBUTORS, CHICAGO, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SELL HIS JUKEBOX BUS-
INESS. HE STATED THAT ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS HE AND [REDACTED] DISCUSSED
VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING HIS SELLING OUT BUT NOTHING BETWEEN HE
AND [REDACTED] GOT BEYOND THE TALKING POINT. ABOUT SIX MONTHS LATER, HOWEVER,
[REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND ADVISED HE HAD PEOPLE WHO WERE INTERESTED
IN BUYING [REDACTED] OUT OF THE GENERAL MUSIC COMPANY.

HE STATED [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BUYING THE COMPANY
WERE FRANK LA PORTE AND HIS ASSOCIATE, FRANCIS CURRY. HE STATED HE THOU-
GHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT LA PORTE AND CURRY WOULD BE INTERESTED AS THEY
WERE KNOWN TO OPERATE IN JOLIET, ILL. AND CHICAGO-S FAR SOUTH SIDE AND
MOST OF GENERAL MUSIC COMPANY-S BUSINESS IS ON THE NORTH SIDE AND NORTH
SUBURBAN AREAS. IT WAS [REDACTED] BELIEF THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SPLIT
HIS COMPANY UP AND GIVEN THE STOPS TO COMPANIES FAVORABLE TO LA PORTE.
[REDACTED] STATED THE ABOVE DEAL FELL THROUGH, HOWEVER, WITHOUT LA PORTE
OR CURRY EVER CONTACTING HIM PERSONALLY AND HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH
THEM SINCE THAT TIME AS HE IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SELLING THE
BUSINESS.

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FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA., AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED RALPH EMERY ALLEGEDLY HAS
DRIVEN FRANK LA PORTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN EMERY-S NINETEEN SIXTY
TWO TAN CADILLAC. ALSO THAT IT WAS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THAT HE
TOOK A SUM OF MONEY TO LA PORTE AT PHOENIX. INVESTIGATION REVEALS EMERY,
WHOSE TRUE NAME IS AMMIRATO, RESIDES AT EIGHT FOUR EIGHT MEMORIAL DRIVE,
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL. ALSO HAS AN ALLEGED WIFE RESIDING AT ONE FIVE
ONE ZERO FIVE EAST END AVENUE, DOLTON, ILL.

CHECK OF TELEPHONE AT DOLTON STREET ADDRESS REVEALS THAT ON MAY
THIRTEEN, LAST, A COLLECT CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA
FROM ONE ROSS, POSSIBLY JAMES ROSS, LA PORTE-S BROTHER IN LAW, WHO ALSO
WAS EVADING SENATE SUBPOENA. PHOENIX ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 1 P
FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HIS BUSINESS PARTNER
RECENTLY SAW THE SUBJECT AT SURMA-S RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE, HOMEWOOD,
ILLINOIS. HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF JOE LA PORTE AND
TONY FRANZE. JOE LA PORTE IS FORMER OWNER OF SKYLINE DISPOSAL AND
RELATIVE OF SUBJECT. FRANZE IS A BROTHER IN LAW OF SUBJECT. INFORMANT
INDICATED THAT LA PORTE IN TALKING WITH INFORMANT-S PARTNER INDICATED
HE WOULD LOAN HIM A SIZABLE SUM OF MONEY AT TEN PER CENT INTEREST IN
ORDER THAT INFORMANT-S PARTNER COULD GET HIS BUSINESS BACK IN OPERATION.
INFORMANT IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THIS
SITUATION.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /92-920/ 1 P

FRANK LA PORTE AR DAILY SUMMARY

MAYOR JOSEPH NOVAK, CAL CITY, FORMER AUSA, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT THE FOLLIES BERGERE WITHDREW THEIR APPEAL TO THE ILLINOIS LIQUOR COMMISSION. APPEAL WAS INSTITUTED AS A RESULT OF THE LICENSE REVOCATION DUE TO THREE SEPARATE LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

THE CLUB SOUTHERN VOLUNTARILY CLOSED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT GRANTED A QUOTE B END QUOTE LICENSE WHICH ALLOWS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

☐ WAS THE LICENSEE OF THE TWO CLUBS, AND LA PORTE IN FORMER YEARS, WAS LISTED AS OWNER. NOVAK STATES THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE IS ONLY ONE STRIPTease HOUSE OPERATING IN CAL CITY.

AT THE APPEAL HEARING MENTIONED ABOVE, SEVERAL OF THE SUBJECT-S CLOSE BUSINESS ASSOCIATES WERE OBSERVED MEETING AT THE STATE LUNCH RESTAURANT. SUBJECT WAS NOT OBSERVED AMONG THEM.

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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] WAS RECONTACTED AND ADVISED HE
OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION..

[REDACTED] S&T ENTERPRISES, INC., ONE ONE NINE
ONE FIVE SOUTH MARSHFIELD, CALUMET PARK, ILLINOIS, WAS OFFERED A
LOAN OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE FOR A YEAR PERIOD AT
TEN PER CENT INTEREST RETURN BY THE SUBJECT. LA PORTE STATED HE WOULD
NOT LOAN AMOUNTS SMALLER THAN ABOVE. SUBJECT ALSO STATED THAT HE, LA-
PORTE, WOULD COLLECT ON THE FIRM-S BAD ACCOUNTS FOR FIFTY PER CENT OF
ALL AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

SUBJECT GAVE A BUSINESS CARD CONTAINING THE NAME AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER OF THE PERSONS TO CONTACT CONCERNING THE LOAN. INFORMANT AT
PRESENT TIME UNABLE TO LOCATE OR OBTAIN THE CARD AND DOES NOT KNOW IF
LOAN OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTED BY [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED
HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT IF MONEY CAN BE OBTAINED
ELSEWHERE. INFORMANT WILL DETERMINE IF CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COULD BE MADE BY SPECIAL AGENTS.

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*Memora*TO : Mr. Evans *Ep*

DATE: 7/6/62

FROM : T. J. McAndrews

SUBJECT: **FRANK LA PORTE
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Frank LaPorte is a Chicago hoodlum who has been hiding out to avoid service of a subpoena by the McClellan Committee. The McClellan Committee has asked us to assist them in locating LaPorte. We previously located LaPorte for the Committee in California but difficulties in getting the subpoena to California precluded the Marshal from serving the subpoena at that time.

SAC Gale called today to say he believed they had located LaPorte at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, and desired to know whether the Committee still desired to serve a subpoena on him.

I checked with [] of the Committee and was advised that in the event the Committee desired service of the subpoena on LaPorte they would get in touch with the U. S. Marshal in Chicago and have him execute the subpoena. I pointed out that in all probability LaPorte would not be around beyond the next few hours and [] stated that inasmuch as the hearings on AGVA had been completed he did not feel that they would want to subpoena LaPorte at this time. SAC Gale was so advised of the above.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-4793

FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

ON JULY SIX LAST A RELIABLE POLICE OFFICER OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS ADVISED HE OBSERVED LA PORTE DRIVING IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS ON JULY FIVE LAST. HE HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAR AND COULD ONLY STATE THAT LA PORTE WAS DRIVING NORTH.

ON JULY SIX LAST A SIXTY TWO BUICK, ILLINOIS LICENSE N G SIX ONE NINE THREE REGISTERED TO CO DASH OP MUSIC WAS OBSERVED IN SUBJECT-S DRIVEWAY. IT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DETERMINED THAT THIS CAR IS THE ONE OWNED AND USUALLY DRIVEN BY LA PORTE. USM, CHICAGO WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD TURNED IN ALL SUBPOENAS RELATING TO THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO AGVA AND HE HAS NO SUBPOENAS FOR LA PORTE.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI 92-4973

FROM SAC CHICAGO 92-920

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, AR. DAILY SUMMARY.

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FILED OF SUBJECT AND RELATIVES REFLECTS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN TWO MONTHS ACTIVITY WAS NOTED AT THE HOUSE OF JAMES ROSS, BROTHER IN LAW OF SUBJECT, FOR WHOM THERE WAS FORMALLY A SENATE SUBPOENA OUTSTANDING. MRS. ROSS OBSERVED IN YEAR AND ROSS- CAR WAS IN THE GARAGE. NO EFFORT MADE TO CONTACT ROSS AS INTERVIEW WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE NEGATIVE AND COULD REVEAL THAT FBI STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE SUBJECT. INFORMATION OBTAINED THAT SUBJECT OWNS A FARM NEAR MONEE, ILL. A SOURCE IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE FARMS WHEREABOUTS SO HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED.

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To

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☐ SAC

Title FRANK LA PORTE

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☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

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☐ Open Case

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*Please attach to report of SA
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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 7/10/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/30/61 - 7/6/62
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka Frank Lipporette (True Name), Frank Lane		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div>	TYPED BY LJC
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SYNOPSIS: SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCES: Report of SA dated 11/30/61
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Report of SA dated 2/19/62
at Chicago.
Report of SA dated 5/3/62
at Chicago.
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ENCLOSURES (2) TO THE BUREAU: Two (2) copies of characterization
LEADS of informants.

INDIANAPOLIS

AT HAMMOND, INDIANA. Conduct logical investigation
to determine if organized gambling and other illegal activities
in the Hammond-Gary area is under the control and authority of
the subject and his associates.

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AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA. Will conduct background investigation of the [redacted] family and interview them regarding their association with the subject if following the investigation it is deemed advisable.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct and report investigation concerning the background and activities of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation in this report was conducted jointly by the following Chicago Special Agents:

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Considerable investigative time was expended in locating the whereabouts of JOSEPH JACK MAY, ALLEN SAMUEL HOLZMAN, ANTHONY FRANZE, THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ and JAMES ROSS per Bureau teletype to Chicago dated May 4, 1962. The investigation was conducted under the Chicago subject's file in view of the close business, social and family relationship of the parties. Investigation conducted toward their location has been made a part of this file but is not being reported in its entirety in the interest of brevity, economy and the fact that the majority of the investigation is not pertinent to the subject's activities in the organized crime field.

Four copies of this report are designated for the Chicago Office in view of the intensified investigation of this individual. This will require the furnishing of copies to other field divisions in the future.

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CG T-6 is JACK DRAU, Postmaster, Linden, California.

CG T-7 is [] wife of SA []
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[] All State Insurance, Stockton, California, on
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CG T-14 is [] IRS, Chicago Heights,
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CG T-15 is [] Thoroughbred Racing Association, former Special Agent, to SA []

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CG T-17 is [] to SA []

CG T-18 is [] on 3/26/62, to SA []

CG T-19 is [] Harvey, Illinois. [] by request, to SA []

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[] CG T-24 is [] on 12/14/61 to SA []

[] CG T-25 is [] on 12/7/61, to SA []

CG T-26 is CG 6343-C*.

CG T-27 is Sgt. [] Hammond, Indiana Police Department to SA []

[] CG T-28 is [] on 5/18/62, to SA []

CG T-29 is [] to SA []

CG T-30 is [] Chicago Hoist and Body Company, to SA []

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SA [REDACTED]

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Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

FRANK (NMI) LA PORTE, true name FRANK LIPPORETTE, born 10/7/01, Sandrose, Italy, entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 8/20/13. He gained his U. S. citizenship on 9/30/26 at Chicago Heights, Illinois. He was the only son in a family of 8 children and his parents operated a grocery store in Chicago Heights, Illinois, until the late 1930's. In the 1920's, he began an association with JAMES EMERY. This partnership is known to have operated at least two houses of prostitution in the Chicago Heights, Illinois area. In the 1930's LA PORTE took over the operation of slot machines and handbooks in Southern Cook County, Illinois. After service in the United States Navy he returned to Chicago Heights and was instrumental in the operation of strip tease and prostitution houses at Calumet City, Illinois. In 1947 he combined his talents with ANTHONY "TONY" ACCARDO, and JOHN PERRY in opening the "Owl" Club, Calumet City, Illinois which was considered to be the largest 24 hour gambling operation in the Chicago area. During the same period of time, he consolidated the gambling empires of Blue Island, Illinois controlled by GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI and Joliet, Illinois controlled by FRANCIS J. CURRY. LA PORTE's legitimate enterprises include the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights and the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, Joliet, Illinois. These distribute phonograph records and tobacco vending machines in Southern Cook and Will County, Illinois as well as Lake County, Indiana. LA PORTE reportedly controls most of the local officials in Blue Island, Chicago

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Heights, Dixmoor, Illinois and Hammond, Indiana. Until recently he controlled officials of Calumet City, Illinois, however, recently JOSEPH NOVAK, Mayor and Chief of Police CASMIR LINKIEWITZ have started a reform government which has closed approximately 15 of the strip tease houses in Calumet City. LA PORTE is a known associate of individuals who controlled Chicago organized criminal activities and has been described as the overseer of Southern Cook County for SAMUEL "MOONEY" GIANCANA who is recognized as the leader of organized crime in Chicago. LA PORTE is presently being sought by the United States Senate Committee headed by Senator MC CLELLAN. This Committee intends to serve the subject with a subpoena in order for him to testify in Senate hearings regarding criminal influence into the American Guild of Variety Artists.

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DETAILS:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Birth

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Chicago, Illinois, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] on July 17, 1959 that a search of INS records concerning FRANK LA PORTE reflect the following information: *summary* *1730 (an only son)* *Flossman, P.*

LA PORTE was born October 7, 1901, Sandrose, Italy. He entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1913.

Chicago T-41 stated that he has known LA PORTE for many years. He advised that LA PORTE was born in Calabria, Providence, Italy. He came to the United States when he was 16 years old and is believed to be a naturalized citizen. Informant stated that LA PORTE's parents are deceased, he is married to a Rockford, Illinois girl, who is of questionable character. There are no children resulting from this marriage.

Records of the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, as reviewed on June 15, 1962 reflect that the subject's father SAM LIPPORETTE was born in 1877 at Sandrose, Italy. The mother is listed as MARY THERESA LIPPORETTE, born 1880, Sandrose, Italy. These records state that INS records show these parents had one son and seven daughters.

Citizenship

On December 22, 1923, LA PORTE filed a Declaration of Intention for Naturalization, before the Superior Court of Cook County, 1243 Sangamon Avenue, Chicago. This reported petition was assigned number 751/160841. He listed his residence as 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and was assigned number 844/1334. He was naturalized in the City Court of Chicago Heights, Illinois, on September 30, 1926. There is no other information available in the files of INS.

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Parent's Background

Records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that an unnamed source advised that SAMUEL LIPPORETTE, 412 West 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was shot and killed by LUIGI CIANIPINI, not further identified. Prior to his decease LIPPORETTE obtained a revolver and shot and killed CIANIPINI. This double murder occurred on November 27, 1932 and a coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in both cases. The killing reportedly resulted over an argument regarding a \$50.00 grocery bill CIANIPINI owed to LIPPORETTE.

The "Chicago Heights Star", a bi-weekly newspaper in their April 27, 1945 edition reported that MARY THERESA LIPPORETTE was being waked at the San Rocco Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The burial was to be at Evergreen Hill Cemetary.

Education

Records of the Veterans Administration, 2030 West Taylor Street, Chicago, under Veteran File C4272259 reflect that FRANK LA PORTE in filing application for a disability pension advised the Veterans Administration that his formal education ceased after four years of grammar school. No record of the school or its location were located.

Military Service

Chicago T-2 advised on December 14, 1959, that FRANK LA PORTE served in the United States Navy and allegedly held the rank of Seaman First Class. He was honorably discharged for being over age at Bremington, Washington sometime in 1944.

On April 13, 1961, Investigative Clerk [redacted] of the St. Louis FBI Office, advised that a review of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflects that FRANK LA PORTE, SN 726531 enlisted in the United States Navy on October 27, 1942 and entered on active duty the same date at Chicago,

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Illinois. He was given an honorable discharge on November 9, 1944 as a Seaman First Class at Bremington, Washington by reason of convenience of the Government by being over the age of 42 years. No reserve service was shown. He had no foreign service and his record failed to reflect awards of any medals, decorations or citations. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of court martials or his being AWOL. The following background and descriptive information is contained in the file:

Naturalized	9/13/26
Birth	Chicago, Illinois
	10/8/01
Height	Italy
Weight	5'5½"
Race	184 pounds
Hair	White
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Brown
Build	Ruddy
Distinguishing marks	Heavy
	1 inch scar upper right arm;
	½ inch scar right ring finger
Education	5 years grammar school
Civilian occupation	Cook
Military occupation	Seaman
Address	412 East 22nd Street,
	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Employments	Records reflect he owned two
	dairy farms near Beecher,
	Illinois in 1942
Photograph and	
Fingerprint	
Classification	Not available
Veteran's Claim No.	C-4272259

[redacted] Secretary to the Contact Officer, Veterans Administration, 2030 West Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on June 18, 1962 that her files reflect that the subject served in the United States Navy under the V-6, USNR Program. He was assigned to Aro No. 2 and stationed at Glenview Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois. This unit was transferred to Bremington, Washington, where LA PORTE was discharged on November 9, 1944. The subject submitted at

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Bremington, Washington an Application for Medical Disability. This application was dis-allowed. On March 2, 1950, a letter was addressed to the subject at 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois regarding a review of his application. No answer was received and his file was placed in a closed status.

On June 8, 1962, [redacted] Homewood, Illinois, telephone SY 8-7809 advised that he served in the United States Navy with the subject at Glenview Naval Air Station and Bremington, Washington with a unit of aircraft repair called Aro II. During the time he was associated with LA PORTE, he did not know the subject's background or reputation as a "hoodlum". LA PORTE while in the Navy was employed in the Ships Service Department and did a good job as far as [redacted] could recall. The only thing he remembers is that the subject always had plenty of money and was liberal with it to his friends. LA PORTE was discharged in Washington because he was over age and [redacted] did not see him again until approximately 1948. Some out of town guests visited with him and advised that they had heard of the infamous Calumet City trip and would like to visit it. Upon arriving at Calumet City he observed LA PORTE get out of a police car and the two of them started a conversation. LA PORTE lead them to an unrecalled stip club and the employees' reaction made it apparent that LA PORTE was a "big man" in the place. Following this instance, he contacted a personal friend of his, Captain [redacted] Chicago Police Department, who told him of LA PORTE's reputation and background.

Since that time he has seen LA PORTE on a few occasions, the last being approximately one year ago. He has never discussed his business activities and GILBERT could furnish no pertinent information with the following exception:

In 1949, he was in [redacted] business and it was in financial problems. An individual whose name he does not recall offered to put him in touch with LA PORTE and have him furnish funds to get the business back on a paying basis. [redacted] indicated that this individual stated that LA PORTE often furnished money to

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legitimate businesses and did not desire to have his name associated with them. [] refused the offer and in his subsequent meetings with LA PORTE neither of them ever mentioned the business. He stated that an individual named [] who owns a sheet metal shop near the Lincoln Theater in Chicago Heights, is an associate of LA PORTE but is probably not willing to furnish any information. [] stated that he never observed a photograph of LA PORTE and does not believe that he had one taken while he was in the Navy. Upon his discharge from the Navy, LA PORTE held a big party at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington but it was for his Navy friends rather than any local Chicago Heights people. [] advised that he would be happy to contact the Chicago FBI Office in the event he observes LA PORTE in the future.

Marital Status

LA PORTE is married to MARGUERITE 'MICKEY' LA PORTE. Inquiries indicate that she is a Rockford, Illinois girl while other investigation reflects she is a sister or close relative of Chicago top hoodlum TONY ACCARDO who is further identified in this report.

Doctor [] Heights Clinic, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on December 10, 1958, advised that he had been Mrs. LA PORTE's personal physician for about five years. He stated that he knows little or nothing regarding FRANK LA PORTE. He described Mrs. LA PORTE as a very sick woman, who is nervous and constantly going down grade. Part of her trouble stems from the fact that she is childless and this has resulted in a highly unstable condition. She apparently has felt insecure and for some time has been drinking excessively to the point where she must be described as an alcoholic. Because of her condition, Doctor [] issued instructions that Mrs. LA PORTE should not be left alone at any time, and on one occasion when her husband was leaving town, Doctor [] recommended her confinement in a hospital. FRANK LA PORTE did not agree to this and hired a nurse to stay with her at the home. Doctor [] advised that a [] who lives in Mattison, Illinois, was presently staying with Mrs. LA PORTE and had been with her for approximately a month. He advised [] is a registered nurse, who has stayed with Mrs. LA PORTE in the

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past. It should be noted that a 1954 Oldsmobile had been observed at the LA PORTE residence on previous occasions.

The registration of this automobile is listed to a [redacted] Mattison, Illinois. Efforts to locate this address proved that it was non-existent. Inquiry at the Chicago Heights Credit Bureau reflects that [redacted] a nurse, moved [redacted] Mattison, Illinois.

[redacted] advised on December 15, 1958 that she has been employed as a private nurse by Mrs. MICKEY LA PORTE for approximately five weeks. She lives at the LA PORTE residence on a 24 hour basis and there is no other person in the house. She advised that she has not seen nor heard from FRANK LA PORTE since she has been at the residence and has no idea as to where his present whereabouts might be. She suggested that he might possible be in California since she has heard that he owns a home in that state.

[redacted] would not state the nature of Mrs. LA PORTE's illness other than it was a nervous condition. She said that Mrs. LA PORTE is afraid to be alone and very seldom leaves the inside of her home. When Mrs. DARRAH must leave the LA PORTE house for a few hours, one of the sister-in-laws, who reside in the immediate area, replaces her. She stated that Mrs. LA PORTE never answers the door and seldom sees anyone other than the immediate family. She advised that there are no children in the home. She advised that she knows none of LA PORTE's associates and could not say whether he drives his own car or has a chauffeur.

On May 31, 1962, [redacted] was recontacted by SA [redacted] and advised that she was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the subject's activities or his present whereabouts. She did state that Mrs. LA PORTE is now without a nurse and that she talked to her on the telephone approximately two weeks ago. While Mrs. LA PORTE was recuperating at the St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, the subject never visited her but did telephone on one or two occasions. The location from which he called was unknown to her. [redacted] requested that the interview be terminated as she had to leave for a nursing assignment.

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Chief of Police LINKIEWITZ, Calumet City, advised on May 30, 1962, that the subject is married to MARGUERITE MC GINNIS who in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 was one of the licensees of the Follies Bergere, 100 West State Street, Calumet City. In 1952, this club was known as the Ron-da-Voo. This club was one of the many notorious clubs which catered to lewd female entertainment and prostitution. The application for license reflects that MC GINNIS was born in Arkansas and previously resided in Phoenix, Arizona. CG T-3 advised that the subject's wife MARGUERITE came to Calumet City as a singer with one of the bands which played at some of the strip clubs in Calumet City.

Records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that the subject is married to MARGARET MARY PELI, who was born September 18, 1911 at Patak, Hungary. She entered the United States at New York City on October 17, 1931. She was listed as a stateless individual and has alien registration number AR10700877. On May 1, 1957, she filed a petition for citizenship (location unknown). These records are not clear as to the disposition of the petition but indicate that she has not been granted United States citizenship.

Sergeant [redacted], Organized Crime Section, Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on April 12, 1962 that he had learned from a usually reliable source that LA PORTE married at an early age, possibly in Italy. He was later separated from this wife and later entered into a common-law relationship with the individual who presently resides at his home in Flossmoor, Illinois. Sergeant [redacted] was unable to furnish any specific information regarding the two woman involved.

II. RESIDENCES

Available records and sources reflect that the subject has used the following addresses throughout the years:

1730 Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois (current)

Route 1, Box 13C
Linden, California
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Angel's Camp
Esmiraldi, California
2/62

Lakeview Road
Tahoe Estates
Tahoe Vista, California
Winter of 1961

Unknown address
Miami Beach, Florida
11/61

Unknown address
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October, 1961 ?

JAMES MONTELLA's farm
Green County, Indiana

Chicagoian Hotel
Chicago Heights, Illinois

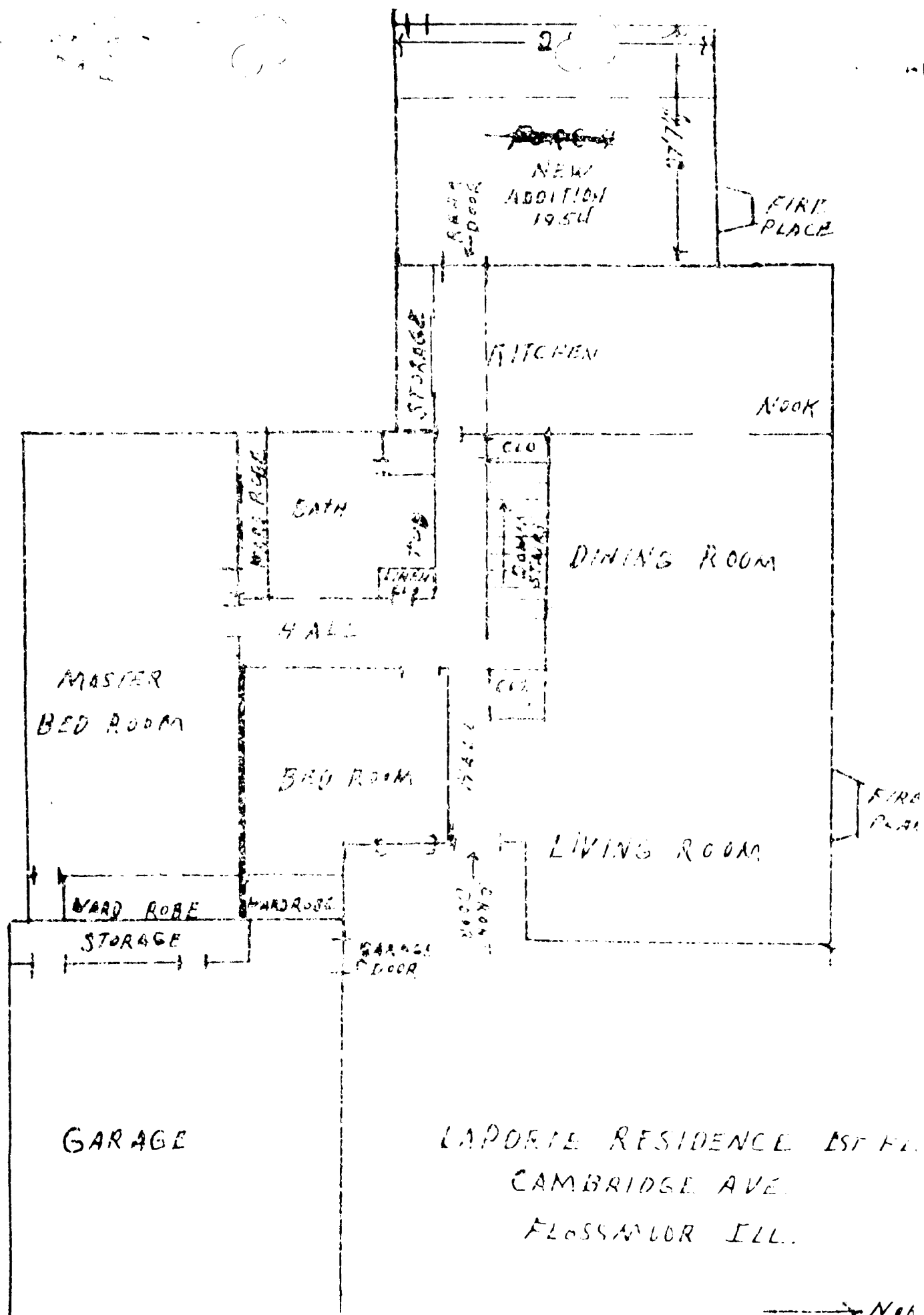
Cipriani's Restaurant
Chicago Heights, Illinois

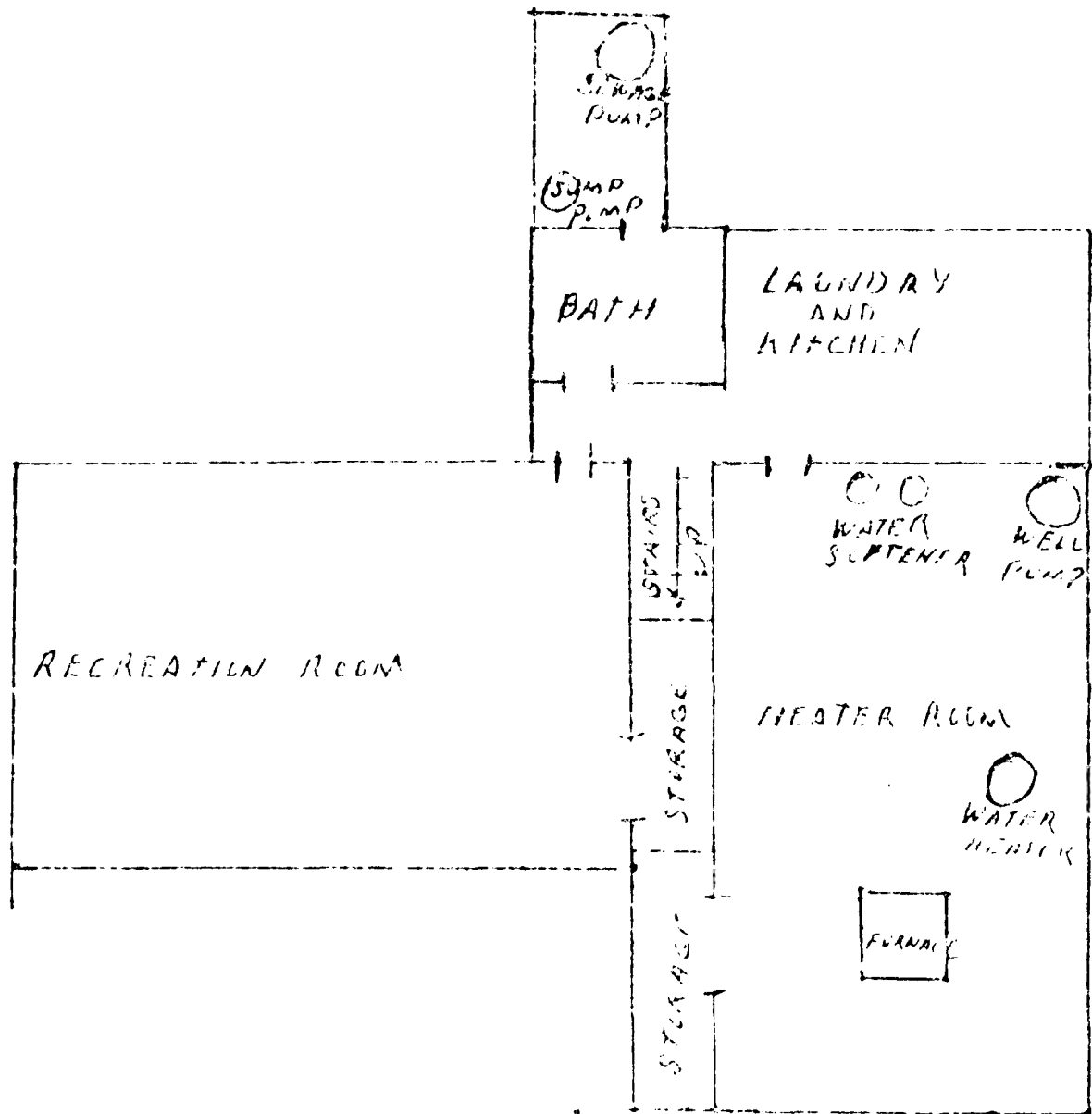
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Hammond Hotel
Hammond, Indiana

412 East 22nd Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois
(parent's residence)

The following is a diagram of the subject's current residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, advised in June of 1962 that he estimates at present market value of the house and real estate at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. He further advised that the subject is completely surrounded by his brother-in-laws and other relatives.





LAPORTE RESIDENCE - BASEMENT

CAMBRIDGE AVE

FLOSSMOR ILL.

→ NORTH

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Neighborhood

Records of the Flossmoor, Illinois, Village Water Company reflect the following individuals reside on Cambridge Road in Flossmoor, Illinois. Chief CLIFFORD PAULING furnished background information where available regarding the residents.

[REDACTED]

An executive in some type of plastering company;

JAMES ROSS
1613 Cambridge
Brother-in-law of subject LA PORTE;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

[REDACTED]

An attorney with offices in Chicago;

MARTIN PULCINI
1641 Cambridge
Brother-in-law of subject;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

MICHAEL TENENBAUM
1644 Cambridge
Believed to be a distant relative of subject LA PORTE;

ABRAHAM BRUSSELL
1704 Cambridge
Cook County Judge;

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THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ
1716 Cambridge
Brother-in-law of subject;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

[REDACTED]

Executive of Standard Oil of Indiana;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

[REDACTED]

Operates a construction company;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown;

[REDACTED]

Background unknown.

Chief PAULING stated that these records are not complete and that some of the addresses are missing. He noted in particular that FRANK FRANZE resides next door to subject LA PORTE and is not listed in these records, nor is the subject himself. [REDACTED] advised that he would immediately contact the individuals known to be trustworthy and advise them to contact him in the event that they observe the subject in the neighborhood.

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[redacted] Standard Oil Company, [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] in 1959 that he has known the subject as a neighbor for several years. He has attended social functions held by the subject for the entire neighborhood, but he knows nothing of the subject's business activity other than the notoriety he has received in the newspapers. [redacted] has not seen the subject or his car at the house for months at a time and there is usually very little activity surrounding his residence. [redacted] advised that he does not know if the subject has children nor his wife's first or maiden name. He stated that she was ill and very seldom leaves the house.

[redacted] stated that LA PORTE is practically surrounded by his relatives. ROSE BARTUSIEWICZ, a sister, lives adjacent to LA PORTE on the north, JAMES ROSS, MARIO PULCINI and FRANK FRANZE live across from LA PORTE and occupy homes adjacent to each other. All of these individuals are related to the subject through blood or marriage. The only non-relative in the immediate area is a [redacted] who occupy a residence to the north of the subject. [redacted] is reportedly a close friend of Mrs. LA PORTE.

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[redacted] were contacted by Special Agents [redacted] on December 5, 1958. [redacted] stated that she and MARGUERITE "Mickey" LA PORTE were formerly good friends, but that recently their relationship has cooled and they no longer associate with each other. [redacted] stated that "Mickey" LA PORTE is a "nervous wreck" and spends much of her time inside the house. She stated that she did not know what was causing her trouble, but that she was becoming progressively worse. She said that she does not see FRANK LA PORTE often and that he spends considerable time in California. He has some type of mining operation in that state, but was unable to furnish any additional information regarding it. [redacted] advised that they knew nothing of LA PORTE's business activities, that when he is at home, he departs at around 9:30 AM and is usually accompanied by another man who drives to his door to pick him up. They were unable to recall any specific details regarding the cars owned or used by LA PORTE, but believed he had two, one a Pontiac and the other a dark colored Cadillac. Neither of

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these individuals knew any pertinent information regarding LA PORTE's habits, hangouts, adding that as of late, they had very little to do with either he or his wife. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed that Doctor [redacted] was Mrs. LA PORTE's personal physician and could possibly be of assistance. [redacted] stated that Doctor [redacted] integrity and reputation were above reproach.

Efforts to locate tenants at [redacted] which is located at the rear of ROSS's house (ROSS is brother-in-law of subject) were unsuccessful and no one was found at home at [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated that she is not familiar with the LA PORTE, BARTUIESWICZ, ROSS or PULCINI families and the only ones she knows are the children of the FRANZE's. She stated that she does not observe any activities in the area since she is not interested in most of her neighbors with the exception of the [redacted] who are her neighbors.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, is a neighbor of the BARTUIESWICZ family whom she knows by sight only, however, she is familiar with the children who are about the same age as hers. She has until recently seen a great deal of activities between the BARTUIESWICZ house and the next house South which is Mr. LA PORTE's. She has been living here for five years and has never seen Mrs. LA PORTE and only once observed a man who was short and stocky whom she presumed to be LA PORTE, walk between the two houses. She is not socially acquainted with the BARTUIECWICZ family even though she has passed him while he drove by she has not even waved at him nor has he ever shown any signs that he recognized her as being a neighbor.

She advised that a regular social gathering at the BARTUSIEWICZ house and also at the FRANZE house is an outdoor barbeque held on Sunday nights in which there are numerous cars parked in the area. She does not know whether this has been discontinued, however. She stated that there is a cleaning woman that is delivered to the LA PORTE residence in a taxi which also picks her up in the evening, however,

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she did not know the name of the taxi that delivered the woman nor did she know this woman. She stated that should she see Mr. BARTUSIEWICZ, she would call the Chicago FBI Office, however, she would like it to be kept confidential.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on May 29, 1962:

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated that she is not familiar with either ROSS BARTUSIEWICZ or LA PORTE who reside on Cambridge Street in Flossmoor, Illinois, except that they know that they reside there. They advised, however, that BARTUSIEWICZ's children have been to their house for swimming in their pool. These children attend the Catholic school in Flossmoor, Illinois. They advised that what they know about the above individuals they have read in the newspapers.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated she is not personally acquainted with the LA PORTE, ROSS, or BARTUSIEWICZ families who live down the block from her. She stated that [redacted] who resides at [redacted] who is a friend of hers, may know something about these individuals. The only thing she knows is that the BARTUSIEWICZ's have children who go to a Catholic school. She further stated that [redacted] and Judge BRUSSELS, who are closer neighbors to the above individuals, would know them better.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated that she does not know the LA PORTE, ROSS, or BARTUSIEWICZ families, however, her children are about the same ages as those of the BARTUSIEWICZ and they play together. She only knows what she has been reading in the newspapers concerning the above individuals, and that they reside in the same block.

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[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, a residential contractor, stated that he has been living her for more than eight years, during which time he has met Mr. LA PORTE once and has not seen him more than four or five times during that period. He stated that he has read in the newspapers about LA PORTE, BARTUSIEWICZ, and ROSS, and with the exception of LA PORTE, did not know these individuals. [redacted] stated that he had been in service with the PT units and was there when President KENNEDY's PT boat was hit. He advised that he would be cooperative and should he learn anything, he would contact the Chicago Division of the FBI.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated that she is a neighbor of MARTIN PULCINI who she has known since she has resided here, and that last evening the children of FRANKIE FRANZE and the PULCINI children and their fathers were in the back yard playing ball. She advised that she is not acquainted with LA PORTE, BARTUSIEWICZ, or ROSS, however, she has been active in the Cancer Fund Drive and has been to all of their houses and had always received contributions. She stated that the last drive which was the first week in May, she had gone to all of the above houses and this was the first time she received no response from the LA PORTE or ROSS houses. There were also indications that no one had been at home for some time.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, advised she has just returned from Lake Placid and is getting ready to go to California. She stated that she knows Mrs. LA PORTE, however, since she was shot, she only saw her once after that and has not seen her since. To her knowledge and observation, she does not believe that Mrs. LA PORTE is at home at present.

[redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, stated that her husband is working in Joliet and she had no idea when he would be at home. She was advised that agents would like to interview him and she stated she would not know when she would get in touch with him.

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On February 26, 1959, Illinois State Troopers [redacted] advised that they had an Illinois State Subpoena for FRANK LA PORTE. They stated that LA PORTE had been arrested recently on a traffic violation and at that time was driving a 1958 Cadillac. LA PORTE's home address on his drivers license was given as Cipriani's Restaurant located on Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Chicago T-4 advised on November 30, 1959, that LA PORTE has an active account at Jack Fagman's Mens Store, located in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. LA PORTE who maintains a charge account, lists his home address as of November 16, 1959, as the Hammond Hotel, 22 State Street, Hammond, Indiana. Informant further advised that LA PORTE at the Fagman's Mens Store uses the name FRANK LANE and listed a previous address as the Chicagoan Hotel, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Patrolman [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 27, 1962, that he had been making considerable inquiry among the known associates of LA PORTE who live in the Flossmoor area and has learned that when LA PORTE is in the Chicago Heights area he always had a specially made type of Italian bread delivered to the Cooperative Music Company on Halsted Street, on a daily basis. This bread is made by the Marconis Bakery, 212 East 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He described the bread as an unusual double twist Italian style which is not made commercially. The driver who normally delivers the bread recently stated that he had made no deliveries in over two months and that he assumes for this reason that LA PORTE is not living at his home in Flossmoor.

[redacted] further advised that he and another Patrolman have been making regular spot checks at the subject's home and noted that on the previous Saturday night at approximately 1:00 AM there was a large congregation of automobiles parked in the driveway of the subject's home and in the driveways of the relatives who live near by. Because of the distance from the street to the subject's garage, he was unable to obtain the license numbers and could not determine if LA PORTE was one of the individuals congregating at the house.

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Las Vegas, Nevada

On March 6, 1962, officers of the Organized Crime Detail, Chicago Police Department, advised SA [] that they had received a telephone call from [] Chief Investigator, Nevada Gaming Board, who advised them that subject LA PORTE was observed in Carson City, Nevada on March 4, 1962, in the company of two other unknown individuals.

By communication dated March 6, 1962, the Las Vegas Office advised that an individual who might be identical with subject LA PORTE was observed at the coffee shop of the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada, by [] Gaming Control Board, and Lieutenant [], Intelligence Unit, Clark County Sheriff's Office, on the night of February 28, 1962. They advised that the individual possibly identical with the subject was observed with another individual who [] thought might be ANTHONY ACCARDO, JR. of Chicago.

[] Chief Investigator, Nevada Gaming Control Board, advised that he had not informed the Chicago Police Department that the subject had been observed in Carson City, Nevada, but stated that he had called the Chicago Police Department in order to obtain a photograph of LA PORTE. [] stated that to his knowledge, the subject has never been observed in Carson City, Nevada.

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Miami Beach, Florida

Chicago confidential informant T-5 advised on January 8 and 30, 1962, that he had recently been in contact with Miami, Florida, and had learned through a [] (LNU), who runs the El Dora Lounge located south of 79th Street on 27th Avenue, in Miami, that FRANK LA PORTE was presently residing in one of the cabins located behind the Brooks Restaurant at 163rd and Collins. Informant advised that [] is an individual who talks freely and used to be associated with the J and J Picnic Grove Gambling Casino in Will County, Illinois. This casino was operated in part by FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that a girl who is close to LA PORTE had been advised by [] that LA PORTE was residing at this particular place. The Miami Office subsequently advised that there are no cabins or rooms located in or at the rear of the Brooks Restaurant, and that no information was developed that the subject was residing anywhere near that area.

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Informant subsequently advised that he had obtained the information regarding Brooks Restaurant from a girl who is mutually known to the Informant and LA PORTE. At the time of the conversation with the girl, she had not been able to check the information. Informant stated LA PORTE has been dating this girl for approximately eight or nine months and that the girl wanted to get in touch with the subject in order to get some money from him for her support. This indicated to the informant that she was maintaining a very intimate relationship with LA PORTE, or else would not be in a position to ask for support money. The girl could be contacted through North Miami telephone number NA 1-8983 and recently at NA 1-0161. Informant stated that about six months ago this girl had advised that LA PORTE was to take her to California and that he described a mine which was located in that area. Informant does not know whether she ever made the trip but in all likelihood, she possibly accompanied LA PORTE as she has been living with him frequently during that period of time. The girl is described as being quite good looking but very dumb and LA PORTE apparently took a liking to her and visited her frequently.

The records of [redacted]

[redacted] were reviewed regarding telephone number

[redacted] The records reflect this number is listed

A review of the toll calls from the above numbers reflect that they were made to Chicago telephone numbers subscribed to by [redacted]

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[redacted] owner of Jack Brown Buick, Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised on May 22, 1962, that he had heard that subject LA PORTE along with his nephew, FRANK LUZI, had travelled from Chicago to Miami during the winter of 1961 and believed it to be around the first of December. He could furnish no information as to his residence while in that area.

At Linden California

Chicago T-6 advised on December 17, 1958, that RAYMOND GUADAGNOLO and his wife JENNY, reside at Route 1, Box 13-C, Linden, California. Informant stated that FRANK LA PORTE also resides at that address from time to time and receives mail. Informant stated that JENNY GUADAGNOLO is a sister of FRANK LA PORTE and that about seven years ago when their home was being build, it was rumored in the community that their home was paid for by LA PORTE.

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[redacted] Linden, California, advised that whenever FRANK LA PORTE was in the area he resides with his sister JENNY. He stated that in December, 1958, that the GUADAGNOLO family left the area, stating that they intended to spend Christmas with Mrs. GUADAGNOLO's family back east. She had mentioned "the reason we are going is because the tickets had been sent to us." During their absence, BILL GUADAGNOLO, the father of RAYMOND, picks up the mail. He has observed that most of the mail from out of town is usually postmarked Homewood and Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Observation in the area where the GUADAGNOLO home is reflects that this is a rural area and only two houses are in sight of the residence, one of which is the home of [redacted]

Chicago T-7 advised that a letter written to Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE while she was in the St. James Hospital during December, 1961, was observed and it was this source's opinion that the letter was from the subject and that it read in part as follows:

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"The "G" was at Linden and checked all over the place . . . I'm staying at D. It's cold and can't bathe. RAY, JENNY and the kids were over last week end."

Previous investigation has established that RAY and JENNY GUADAGNOLO of Route 1, Box 13-C, Linden, California, is a sister of the subject and it is known that he had used this address in the past when attempting to avoid the law enforcement officials. Noted hereafter in this report, the Las Vegas Office was able to locate a cabin in the Lake Tahoe region which has no water supply during the winter months.

By communication dated January 29, 1962, the San Francisco Office of the FBI advised that the subject on January 29, 1962, was at the home of his sister in Linden, California. They further advised that investigation indicated that several calls were made from and to Angel's Camp, California. This camp is located in the Sierra-Nevada mountains and the calls were made to the telephone of [redacted] who may be identical with the individual named [redacted] who is a partner in the New Ford Mine which is partially owned by the subject. The San Francisco Office further advised that the United States Marshal at Sacramento advised the FBI agents that he formerly had a subpoena from the United States Sub-Committee for the subject, however, it had been returned to Chicago and therefore, could not be served on the subject at his sister's home. The Marshal further advised that if the subject did not answer the door or his sister did not admit that the subject was in the house, he, the Marshal, could not use force to serve the subpoena.

By communication dated February 13, 1962, the San Francisco Office advised that intensive investigation was being conducted to relocate subject LA PORTE in the area of Linden, California. They advised that two Special Agents and a Deputy United States Marshal have been in the Sierra mountains since February 12, 1962, attempting to locate the subject. They further indicated that the possible use of low flying Army aircraft to spot the subject's car at the remote cabin near the New Ford Mine was contemplated in an effort to determine his whereabouts. They stated that this inquiry would not now be possible due to the severe storms in the mountains and it would be necessary to proceed by automobile. A physical

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surveillance by the San Francisco Office reflects that the subject had not been seen at the home of his sister in Linden, California, since February 7, 1962. The subject had been in the area of the mine supposedly owned by the subject near Esmeralda, California, and at the home of his operator, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The surveillance failed to locate the subject.

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An un-named source of the San Francisco Office advised in February, 1962, that the subject had returned to Chicago by train on approximately February 11, 1962. The Cadillac which had previously been driven by the subject and an accomplice of his was not observed in the Linden area for several days prior to February 11, 1962.

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Chicago T-8, advised that on February 9, 1962, the subject boarded the Sante Fe Railroad, San Francisco Chief, at Stockton, California at about 11:00 AM. Two individuals were with the subject and three of them identified themselves as FRANK LA PORTE, LOW FRANZ, and AL ROSETTI. The three indicated that they were from Linden, California and LA PORTE stated that a family named [redacted] had brought him to the railroad station and that he had had dinner with this family the previous evening. LA PORTE commented that he was only going to remain in the Chicago area for a few days and then intended to travel to Detroit, Michigan, Las Vegas, Nevada and Los Angeles, California. LA PORTE had a private compartment on the train and ROSETTI and FRANZ occupied an adjoining compartment. The three of them spent most of their time playing Gin Rummy in LA PORTE's compartment.

On February 11, 1962, LA PORTE and FRANZ disembarked from the train at Joliet, Illinois, where they were met by a man driving a late model black Cadillac. ROSETTI remained on the train and continued to travel to the main station in Chicago. He was met by a blonde woman who appeared to be his wife and two other men.

Information regarding the [redacted] driving LA PORTE to the train was verified by the source on a later date.

Lake Tahoe, California

Chicago T-3 advised that during the winter of 1961, a close associate of the subject traveled "out West". Upon arriving on the West Coast, informant was advised that the associate would visit the subject at a place he was hiding. After driving West out of San Francisco, the associate arrived at Lake Tahoe and somewhere on the lake shore, the associate visited over night with the subject. The source was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the name of the associate or the cabin at which they stayed. The source stated definitely, however, that the cabin belonged to LA PORTE.

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The San Francisco Office advised by communication dated June 14, 1962, that a telephone check of the Placer County, California Assessor's Office, disclosed that WILLIAM and JOSEPHINE GUADAGNOLO (father and mother of subject's brother-in-law, RAYMOND GUADAGNOLO) each own one-half interest in Lots 8 and 9, in the Agate Bayview Subdivision on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. They advised that investigation to be conducted in the vicinity of this location to determine whether LA PORTE is or has been residing there.

By communication dated June 15, 1962, the San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] Manager, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Tahoe City, California, advised that WILLIAM GUADAGNOLO, Linden, California, has a summer home on Lakeview Road, Tahoe Estates, described as Lot 70, Tahoe Vista, California. No water service to this Division during the winter from October 15 to May 15 as pipes are not deep enough for water use and consequently there are no permanent residents in the area. All summer homes in the Subdivision have "cut off" privileges on electric circuit. He explained this on not paying any minimum rate during the winter but actually having the power on and available to the homes. The last meter readings for the GUADAGNOLO cabin was on October 19, 1961. The reading was 6670. Special Agents observation of this cabin meter number reflects it now reads 6854 on June 13, 1962.

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[redacted] advised that this is the normal usage if the owners have used the cabin on the weekends during the ski season or if an individual stayed in the cabin for a three or four week period.

On June 13, 1962, observation of this cabin failed to indicate that it was presently occupied. It is noted that a note which is recorded in part under Section entitled "Residence" reflects that the subject during the winter of 1961 was staying in a cabin without any water, for bathing.

Inquiry in this area reflects that the GUADAGNOLO family usually occupies the cabin during the summer months but has not been seen since the Fall of 1961.

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San Francisco further advised that the Placer County Sheriff's Office, Tahoe City, patrols the subdivision on a daily basis and they have stated that they will be on the alert for any occupants of the GUADAGNOLO cabin and will immediately notify the FBI.

The lots next to the GUADAGNOLO cabin are vacant and there are no other properties listed to the GUADAGNOLO family or to the subject.

On May 14, 1962, JENNIE GUADAGNOLO, sister of the subject, was interviewed at Linden, California. She advised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. She denied that the subject has ever visited her at Linden, California, she denied knowing his present whereabouts and stated he does not correspond with or telephone her. Repeated attempts to locate and interview her husband, RAYMOND, were unsuccessful.

Records of the telephone company reflect that the

California. Investigation at Chicago has reflected that in the subject's absence most of the activity of the subject's relatives are centered at the home of BARTUSIEWICZ.

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Chicago T-3 advised that the subject appeared to be in excellent health when he was last observed in March, 1962. Chicago T-9 advised on June 1, 1962, that in April, 1962, the subject stated that he felt good although he might go to Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, with FRANCIS CURRY for a general check-up regarding his physical condition.

Medical records of the subject were reviewed at the Veterans Administration previously identified as to location. These records reflect that the subject was on active duty in the United States Navy from October 27, 1942, till November 6, 1944. He was discharged under honorable conditions at the convenience of the Government (discharge was for being over the age of 42). On November 9, 1944, at Bermington, Washington, the subject submitted a claim for medical disability. He listed his reasons as varicose veins, which had been treated at Glenview Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, and an appendicitis attack, which occurred in July, 1944. It was given routine treatment, and no operation was performed. After a review of the subject's case, Veterans Administration declined the application for medical disability because both medical problems were treated satisfactorily. There was no indication that permanent injury was caused or severely aggravated by his serving in the United States Navy.

The following information was obtained by Chicago T-10 from the Mayo Clinic registration records. It will be noted that the following information reflects data on two women known as Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE. It cannot be established if either of them are actually the present wife of subject FRANK LA PORTE, however, it is assumed that registrant #2 is his present wife.

- (1)
Clinic Registration #1-448-388
Name - Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE
Residence - 218 W. Mason St., Calumet City, Ill.
DOB - 12/16/14
At Mayo Clinic - 12/12/45
Husband's Occupation - Grain Farmer

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Clinic Registration #2-270-701
Name - Mrs. FRANK S. (MARGARET) LA PORTE
Residence - 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Ill.
DOB - 9/18/11 - Hungary
At Mayo Clinic - 9/22/59
Husband's Occupation - Co-operator of Music Shop,
Chicago Heights, Ill.

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Clinic Registration #1-595-771
Name - FRANK LA PORTE
Residence - 412 E. 22nd, Chicago Heights, Ill.
Wife's name - MARGUERITE
DOB - 10/8/01
Occupation - Farmer
At Mayo Clinic - 3/17/48

(4)

Clinic Registration #1-604-006
Name - Mrs. THEODORE JOHN (DOLLIE) BARTUSIEWICZ
Residence - 412 E. 22nd St., Chicago Heights, Ill.
DOB - 12/24/10
Occupation of husband - Clerk, Fox Club, Calumet Park, Ill.
At Mayo Clinic - 5/4/48

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Clinic Registration #1-604-002
Name - THEODORE JOHN BARTUSIEWICZ
Residence - 412 E. 22nd St., Chicago Heights, Ill.
DOB - 1/5/11
At Mayo Clinic - 5/4/48
Occupation - Clerk, Fox Club, Calumet Park, Ill.

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Clinic Registration #A-980-692
Name - Mrs. FRANCIS J. (MARION) CUREY
Residence - 516 Western, Joliet, Ill.;
1014 Raynor Ave., Joliet, Ill.
At Mayo Clinic - 8/11/37 and 2/25/43
Husband's Occupation - Vending machine distributor

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III. RELATIVES

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), previously mentioned in this report, established that the subject has no brothers but has 7 sisters living and 1 sister deceased.

Mrs. FRANK FRANZE, 1639 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, maiden name FRANCES LIPPORETTE, born Chicago Heights, Illinois, date unknown. Her husband, FRANK FRANZE, was born August 25, 1918, at Chicago Heights. He has Selective Service No. 1175, and is registered with Local Board No. 1 at 1637 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights. The INS records further reflect that this marriage occurred on July 7, 1940. The following children are a result of this marriage: [REDACTED]

Mrs. DOLLIE BARTUSIEWICZ, 1716 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, was born 1910 in Italy. Her husband is THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ who listed on the birth certificate of his son that he was employed at the Lipporette Grocery Store, 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, during the period of 1920 till 1930. He further listed the ownership of the Sky Club, Calumet City, and an officer of the Regal Vending Company. Children of this marriage are: [REDACTED]

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Mrs. CONCETTA MARIE FRANZE, Dixie Highway and Holbrook, Flossmoor, date of birth 1915 at Chicago Heights (not verified), is married to ANTHONY "TONY" FRANZE, brother of FRANK FRANZE. Husband listed his date of birth as 1912, Spokane, Washington. His occupation is listed on family records as an employee of the Bello Dairy Company, no address. Children of this marriage are: [REDACTED]

Mrs. VICTORIA PULCINI, 1641 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, was born May 5, 1921, at Chicago Heights. She is married to

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MARTIN PULCINI, date of birth November 11, 1920, at Chicago Heights. They have one daughter named [REDACTED]

Mrs. ROSINA ROSS, 1613 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, is married to JAMES ROSS, whose true name is JAMES IA DE ROSA. Her godparents were listed as Mr. and Mrs. ANTONIO MARTELLO. She was born April 17, 1916, at Chicago Heights.

Mrs. THERESA LUZI, 1210 West End Avenue, Chicago Heights, was born on an unknown date in Italy. She was married to RUGGERIO LUZI who is a former Chicago Heights, Illinois, city employee. They have 2 children listed; [REDACTED]

Mrs. JENNIE GUADAGNOLA, Linden, California, was born January 2, 1918, at Chicago Heights, and was married to RAYMOND GUADAGNOLA on November 21, 1948.

The subject has one deceased sister whose name is unknown. Sister MAXINE, Principal, Infant Jesus of Prague School, Flossmoor, advised SA [REDACTED] on June 1, 1962, that Mr. BARTUSIEWICZ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sister MAXINE stated that subject BARTUSIEWICZ used to bring his son and daughter to the school nearly every morning but has not done so in the last 2 or so months. All monies of the school has been paid in cash or money order and she has never received a check of any kind including the rather large sum for tuition. Sister MAXINE stated that there are no other children in the school who are associated with the so-called "hoodlum element." However, there was formerly a child who was a student belonging to JOHN LUZI, 843 Latimer, Flossmoor. It was Sister MAXINE's understanding that he was formerly associated with the "racket" but has since gotten out of it and is now a chef at an unknown restaurant. A surveillance was conducted on the night of June 6, 1962, and the subject nor any of his in-laws appeared at the graduation of the son of THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ.

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The son and daughter were picked up by AL PILOTTE and his wife and driven to the BARTUSIEWICZ residence where it was noted that a party was being held. No information was located which indicated that the subject was present during the festivities.

On May 25, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights, advised that [redacted]
[redacted] TED BARTUSIEWICZ. He owns a 1961, 4-door Oldsmobile, light tan bearing 1962 license 901-280, which is registered to Bants Service Station, 356 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights. He advised that BARTUSIEWICZ's mother is ANEILA BARTUSIEWICZ, who resides by herself on the first floor of the house [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that TED has not visited his mother's house in over one year and that he has not been to see her on Christmas or on Mother's Day. He personally has not seen TED for a considerable period of time. He advised he does not associate with members of the BARTUSIEWICZ family and none of the children visit the mother. He furnished the following known relatives of TED BARTUSIEWICZ: [redacted]

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On June 8, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights, stated that they have lived here more than 12 years and during that time [redacted]
[redacted] TED has not been there more than five times. She stated that she has never been to his house. However, TED's wife DOLLY called her last Tuesday and invited them to the graduation of their son. They did not go since they have little in common. She stated that she has no idea where TED may go or what he may be doing.

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On the same day, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that they do not have anything in common with [redacted] TED BARTUSIEWICZ; that they do not go to his house nor does he come to this house. The only time they see him is whenever they may meet at the mother's house, which has been over six months ago. She stated that she does not know where he is or with whom he may be staying.

Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised that [redacted] Chicago Heights, has been a collector for Cooperative Music Company in Calumet City. TED BARTUSIEWICZ was also engaged in this type of activity at the same time.

[redacted] Chicago Heights, advised SAs [redacted] on May 25, 1962, that she resides two apartments from [redacted]

[redacted] JAMES ROSS. [redacted] stated that she has been very suspicious of these people since early 1962. There have been numerous cars and people entering and leaving the house at all hours of the day and night. She furnished descriptions of various individuals and these descriptions appear to be identical with: 1) FRANK LA PORTE; 2) FRANK LUZI, nephew and chauffeur for LA PORTE; 3) JAMES ROSS, brother-in-law of subject; 4) TED BARTUSIEWICZ, brother-in-law of subject; 5) ANTHONY FRANZE, brother-in-law of subject; 6) FRANCIS CURRY, close business and personal associate of the subject.

In addition, [redacted] advised that she had observed these and other individuals carrying small black bags which she described as looking similar to a doctor's medical case, entering the apartment. She observed other individuals carrying large sets of accounting ledgers. She had no knowledge that [redacted] were related to the subject but had previously determined in her own mind that these people were engaged in some type of illegal operation and that they used [redacted] apartment as a base.

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This constant activity ceased on approximately May 14, 1962, and since that time, little or no activity has occurred at the apartment. It was her opinion that the business operations had been moved to another location. The individual which she described and was identified as FRANK LA PORTE had not been observed at the apartment since approximately the middle of February, 1962.

[redacted] furnished a list of license numbers she acquired from the time her suspicions were aroused that check with the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles and indicate that many are cars assigned to the Cooperative Music Company and other known associates of the subject. Other licenses are presently being determined.

DL 198 U
HH 8813
HK 5417
DE 7827

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Cadillac
JAMES ROSS, 1623 Cambridge, Flossmoor
[redacted]
Flossmoor, Cadillac

989-344

[redacted]
Matteson, Valiant

HJ 7137
HT 4255
DG 8372

ARMAND D'ANDREA, 811 Richards Street,
Joliet, Cadillac

DL 1718
KR 9674
NA 5438
BX 3379

[redacted]
[redacted] Heights, Oldsmobile

HF 5817

[redacted]
Flossmoor.

HF 5815
NG 9351
905-404

Cooperative Music
FRANK LUZI, 212 W. 29th Place,
Chicago Heights, Buick

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905-402

Buick

DE 7825

Chicago Heights, Buick

NG 3611

DL 1718T

993-215

Chicago Heights, Buick

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On May 11, 1962, a 1962 gray over maroon Oldsmobile, bearing license number FL 3679, was determined to be in the drive-way of [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. At 6:30 A.M. on the morning of May 15, 1962, a 1960 Pontiac convertible, light blue top, dark blue bottom, bearing 1962 license 911-502, was observed in the drive-way of [redacted] This plate is issued to Mr. ANTHONY FRANZE, 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Chicago Heights, on May 15, 1962, advised that [redacted] had been on file with her agency since January, 1958. As of October, 1961, he has been employed as a supervisor in the Mail Order Department of Montgomery Ward and Company, Chicago, Illinois. He was formerly employed as Assistant Business Agent, Bartenders and Waitresses Union, Joliet, Illinois. His wife is [redacted] He is 26 years old and rents the above residence. He owes GMAC, Joliet, Illinois, \$3,700 on a Pontiac. In 1959 he was employed by the Chicago Heights Fire Department. Files further contain news clippings dated May 6, 1961, indicating that [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago Heights. This charge was dismissed by Police Magistrate MEIER of Chicago Heights.

[redacted] Chicago Heights, telephone SKyline 5-396F, advised that ANTHONY FRANZE visits his daughter, [redacted] practically every day. He stays for only a few minutes and she has observed him in a blue Pontiac and also a 1962 beige Pontiac convertible.

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[] stated that there are numerous different cars that enter and leave the [] drive-way every day. She commented that she did not know how "these people keep the car situation straight." While talking with [] a 1962 white Oldsmobile, bearing Illinois license HL 1377 was observed entering the drive-way of the [] residence. This is issued to [] Chicago Heights.

It is noted that the U.S. Marshal was able to serve a United States Senate Subpoena on ANTHONY FRANZE as he was leaving the residence of his daughter, []

INFORMATION REGARDING MRS. FRANK LA PORTE

On December 21, 1961, Patrolman [] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised SA [] that at approximately 3:35 P.M., December 20, 1961, while he was on routine patrol he received a radio call to get an attempted suicide report from the St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois, on a Mrs. MARGARET LA PORTE. Upon arrival at the hospital, the initial report reflected that MARGARET LA PORTE, age 50, 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, had been brought to the St. James Hospital by the Gerardi's Ambulance Service of Chicago Heights at approximately 3:10 P.M. The reason for admitting Mrs. LA PORTE to the hospital was listed as an accident.

Patrolman [] stated that he and Sergeant [] talked with Mr. FRANK LUZI, who resides at 212 West 29th Place, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised them that he was Mrs. LA PORTE's nephew. When they attempted to question him regarding Mrs. LA PORTE's attempted suicide he stated he had no information in that he had just arrived at the hospital. He referred the officers to []

[] Matteson, Illinois, telephone number Pilgrim 8-0087, who was a private nurse for Mrs. LA PORTE.

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[] advised the officers that before 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon of December 20, 1961, she went to the Southgate Pharmacy in Homewood, Illinois, to get a prescription filled. She was not definite as to what time she left for the drug store and at what time she returned.

Officer [] stated that a later check with the drug store revealed that a prescription had been filled for Mrs. LA PORTE at approximately 3:00 P.M. on December 20, 1961.

[] further stated that when she returned to the LA PORTE residence she found Mrs. LA PORTE lying on the bedroom floor in a pool of blood. She ran over to Mrs. LA PORTE and asked, "What did you do?" Mrs. LA PORTE replied, "I found the gun." [] then called the doctor and Gerardi's Ambulance Service and had Mrs. LA PORTE removed to the hospital. She stated that she did not see the gun that shot Mrs. LA PORTE and that to her knowledge there were no guns kept in the house.

[] told the officers that Mrs. LA PORTE had been sick for some time and that she has been under the care of a psychiatrist, a Doctor [] Chicago, Illinois, telephone CE 6-7535.

The officers left the hospital at about 4:30 P.M. and traveled directly to Mrs. LA PORTE's home in Flossmoor. They rang the bell a number of times; however, the door was not answered. At this point the officers went next door to the home of THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ at 1716 Cambridge Road. The officers explained to Mrs. BARTUSIEWICZ that they must get into Mrs. LA PORTE's home in order to find the weapon that shot her. Mrs. BARTUSIEWICZ advised that although she is related to Mrs. LA PORTE, she did not have a key to the house and that she did not know anything about a gun or the fact that Mrs. LA PORTE had apparently shot herself. At this point FRANK LUZI appeared at the front door with Mrs. BARTUSIEWICZ and explained that the only one who had a key was the nurse and that he would immediately contact her to open the house.

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While waiting for [] the officers returned to the St. James Hospital and talked to Doctor [] resident doctor. He advised that he examined Mrs. LA PORTE in the emergency room of the hospital and found that she had a gunshot wound in the upper left chest. She was removed to surgery where she was treated by Doctor [] of the 10th Street Clinic in Chicago Heights and a Doctor [] the family physician.

The officers contacted Doctor [] who stated that Mrs. LA PORTE had a gunshot wound in the left chest close to the left shoulder. He further stated that the wound in the front of the chest was a large one and the other wound in the back a small one, which showed that the bullet had passed through the body breaking two back ribs. He advised that there were no powder burns near the wound and the doctor would not advise the officers whether the bullet had entered the body from the front or from the back.

At approximately 5:10 P.M., Officer [] received a telephone call from FRANK LUZI who advised that he had located [] and would meet the officers at LA PORTE's home with the key. Shortly after entering the house, [] entered the house. Officer [] stated that [] is another relative and neighbor of the LA PORTEs.

A search of the bedroom where Mrs. LA PORTE was found failed to disclose any weapon. Observation by Officer [] indicated that Mrs. LA PORTE was apparently sitting on the right side of the bed toward the foot of it when she shot herself. She apparently pitched forward and was found lying partially on her right side and stomach. Her bedroom slippers were found under the bed at the right corner of the bed. The bullet apparently traveled in an upward angle of about 15 feet, ricocheting off the ceiling and striking the east wall over the door, a distance of about 7'2" from the floor where it fell.

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In the night stand next to the bed were found the following boxes of ammunition, according to Officer []

- 1 box .32 caliber long cartridges
- 1 box .38 caliber automatic cartridges
- 1 box .38 caliber short cartridges
- 1 box 30-30 rifle cartridges
- 1 box .38 caliber metal-piercing cartridges

[] stated that the box of metal-piercing bullets were the same as the bullet that shot Mrs. LA PORTE. He explained that these items were taken to the Flossmoor Police Station at approximately 6:30 P.M. and he then advised Chief PAULING that they could not find the gun. He stated that Chief PAULING called [] of the Gerardi's Ambulance Service and asked him if he had seen the gun when Mrs. LA PORTE was moved. He stated that he had not. Chief PAULING then informed [] that if the gun could not be located, the investigation would then become an attempted homicide rather than a suicide.

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At approximately 8:00 P.M., Chief PAULING received a phone call from FRANK LUZI who stated that Mrs. LA PORTE had regained consciousness and was asked by [] what she did with the gun. Mrs. LA PORTE replied that she had thrown it in the closet where the shoes were and LUZI stated that he would bring it to the Flossmoor Police Station.

At approximately 9:00 P.M., LUZI and [] brought a gun into the police station and turned it over to Officer [] and Chief PAULING. The gun was described as a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Airweight Special with a two inch barrel. It contained five metal-piercing cartridges. The shell in line with the hammer had been fired. It had also been wiped clean of fingerprints.

Officer [] stated that Mrs. LA PORTE's clothing, the gun, the box of metal-piercing bullets and the bullets that shot Mrs. LA PORTE were turned over to the Chicago Police Department Crime Laboratory for examination.

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Chief CLIFFORD PAULING stated that on December 21, 1961, at 10:00 A.M., he and Officer [] went to Room 621, St. James Hospital, to interrogate Mrs. LA PORTE. The nurse on duty stated that Mrs. LA PORTE was in great pain; however, she could be talked with for a few moments. Chief PAULING stated that Mrs. LA PORTE advised him that she was in the house alone when she shot herself. When asked the reason for the shooting, she replied, "You men would have to be psychiatrists to know why." She advised that the gun she used was owned by her husband, FRANK LA PORTE, and that it was kept in the house for protection purposes. She also stated that she did not know what she had done with the gun after the shooting. Chief PAULING stated that because of the pain she was apparently suffering, she was not questioned further regarding the matter.

Officer [] advised that the serial number of the .38 caliber revolver used by Mrs. LA PORTE is Number 178563.

The New Haven Office, by communication dated December 23, 1961, advised that the records of the Smith and Wesson Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, indicate that this gun was sold on May 26, 1960, to Sports, Incorporated, 5501 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois.

[] Assistant Manager, Sports, Incorporated, advised that a review of his records reflects that the gun bearing Serial Number 178563 was mis-shipped to his organization and should have gone to the H. H. Harris Company, 1237 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. This gun, along with 24 other guns, was picked up by their driver on June 1, 1960.

[] Clerk, H. H. Harris Company, advised from a review of his records that a gun bearing Serial Number 178563 was sold to the Wagon Wheel Gun Shop, 2635 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This gun was sold on August 22, 1960.

On January 21, 1962, Patrolman [] stated that the gun was sold to [] Chicago Heights, Illinois, on approximately August 28, 1960, by the Wagon Wheel Gun Shop. He advised that this shop has

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since gone out of business and that [redacted] owner, claims that he cannot find the record of the sale but that he would attempt to locate it.

He advised that the Wagon Wheel received the gun used in the LA PORTE shooting and another one identical to it from the Harris Company on August 22, 1960. Both of these guns were purchased by [redacted]. The guns were not sold in the gun shop but were sold in a gas station located on the southeast corner of 26th Street and Chicago Road in South Chicago Heights, Illinois. The gas station is owned by the [redacted].

Patrolman [redacted] stated that on January 28, 1961, [redacted] purchased another revolver from the Wagon Wheel, described as a .38 caliber blue steel Smith and Wesson Chief Special, Serial Number 178683.

On January 30, 1961, [redacted] purchased a 30-30 caliber Winchester, Model #94, lever action rifle, Serial Number 2446496. It is known that [redacted] is a nephew of Lieutenant [redacted] of the Chicago Heights Police Department. Reliable informants have advised in the past that he is an associate of FRANK LA PORTE and that he is uncooperative upon interview.

On May 25, 1962, [redacted] Steger, Illinois, stated that he operates a service station and although he knows LA PORTE, he has not seen him in months. He denied that he had purchased or given a gun to FRANK LA PORTE. He would neither admit or deny that he has ever been to LA PORTE's house and he stated that he did not know where LA PORTE could be located. He stated that he knew about LA PORTE's wife attempted suicide; however, this information was obtained by him through the local newspaper. He stated he would not know where to look for LA PORTE.

A 1962 Jack Brown Buick bearing 1962 Illinois license NE 3645 was observed in his driveway. A check of the license is being made.

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On June 12, 1962, [redacted] South Chicago Heights, Illinois, stated that he formerly operated under the name of Wagon Wheel Gun Shop at 2635 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, from 1960 until 1961 when he sold the business. He stated that during 1960 he had been trading at the City Service Station located at 26th and Chicago Road, which was operated by [redacted]. During that year he recalled that [redacted] ordered two Chief's Specials A.W. The two guns were ordered by him from H. H. Harris and Company in Chicago. He produced receipt No. 4686 dated August 22, 1960, from the H. H. Harris Company, 1237-39 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, which showed 2 C & W Chief A.W. 177792-178563 as being billed to the Wagon Wheel Gun Shop, 2635 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights.

[redacted] stated that he recalled that these two guns were the guns that he had ordered for D'ANDREA and which were sold to [redacted]. He made a search for the receipts showing the sale to [redacted] but stated he was unable to locate it. He stated that he recalled that the two guns were brought to the Filling Station for [redacted] who paid him \$178.34 in cash. He advised that he must have forgotten to make out the necessary bill of sale on these two guns. He stated also that he recalled that he had looked for this record previously and had been unable to locate it.

[redacted] produced a gun sales report dated January 28, 1961, showing that he had sold a S & W Serial Number 178683, .38 caliber, 2" barrel, blue, 5 shot to [redacted] of 148 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights. He also produced another dated January 30, 1961, showing that [redacted] of 148 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, had been traded a S & W 357 Serial Number 107532, caliber .357, barrel 3½" and a Bernandelli Serial Number 54673, caliber .25, 2½" barrel and a 22 caliber semi auto 24" barrel, Winchester, Serial No. 31652 for a Model 94 Winchester, Serial No. 2446496, 30-30 caliber rifle with 20" barrel and a J.C. Higgins Model 31, 22 caliber, 24" barrel, no Serial Number reflected and \$12.

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Chief PAULING stated on January 5, 1962, that he had received a reply from the Chicago Police Department Laboratory and that it was the opinion of the examiner that the evidence bullet found in the bedroom of Mrs. LA PORTE had been fired from the weapon described above. He advised that the Laboratory report further indicated that an examination of a lady's gown and lady's robe or housecoat furnished by the Flossmoor Police resulted in the finding that in the left front panel near the arm seam, approximately 6" below the shoulder seam, a hole in the fabric measuring 1 3/4" vertical diameter, and 1 1/4" horizontal diameter had been found. Powder residues, singed and burnt fabric were in the periphery of the hole. Characteristics of the hole and the pattern of powder residues were such as to indicate that the muzzle of the weapon was in contact with the fabric at the time of discharge. A bullet exit hole was located in the rear left panel of the gown and robe.

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On January 3, 1962, Officer [redacted] stated that in addition to other items he had picked up four unknown "pills" from the night stand of Mrs. LA PORTE's bedroom. He advised that in the past he had heard rumors that Mrs. LA PORTE was an alcoholic and also that she was a narcotic addict. He advised that he would furnish the "pills" to SA [redacted] for examination in order to determine if they contain narcotics.

These capsules were furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., for examination.

On January 24, 1962, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received January 9, 1962.

- Q1 White with orange band capsule
- Q2 Two black and green capsules
- Q3 Red pill

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Results of examination:

Specimen Q1 was identified as Dilantin sodium. This product is an anticonvulsant used in the treatment of epilepsy, and also nonepileptic convulsive states.

Specimen Q2 was identified as a tranquilizer sold under the trade name "Librium." The product is prepared by the Roche Laboratories and is used to control common emotional disturbances such as anxiety and tension.

Specimen Q3 was identified as a hypnotic sold under the trade name "Placidyl." The product is a mild, nonbarbiturate compound used to provide mild hypnosis in patients with nervous insomnia.

Chicago T-7 advised on December 22, 1961, that during the time Mrs. LA PORTE would be in the St. James Hospital, the informant would be in a position to observe Mrs. LA PORTE and that during a good part of each day the informant could determine if Mrs. LA PORTE had any unauthorized visitors. The informant advised that Mrs. LA PORTE stated to her that her husband was out of town and would probably be unable to visit her at any time.

On subsequent dates this informant advised that Mrs. LA PORTE's visitors consisted mostly of relatives of Mrs. LA PORTE and that she knew of no other individuals having any contact with her.

The informant learned that Mrs. LA PORTE received two telephone calls from her husband but she was unable to determine if they were local or long distance calls. The informant stated that she had many conversations with Mrs. LA PORTE but that at no time was anything said regarding the present whereabouts of her husband or the type of business activity he was engaged in.

All charges at the hospital and private nurses' charges were paid in cash by when the informant

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described as being extremely loyal to the subject. She understood that Mrs. LA PORTE had attempted to fire [redacted] on several occasions but that [redacted] continued to remain as her private nurse and that she went to her home on January 17, 1962, when Mrs. LA PORTE was released from the hospital.

The informant further advised that Mrs. LA PORTE is not a citizen of the United States and that she was actually born in Hungary. She stated that this is approximately the fourth time in the past seven years that Mrs. LA PORTE has supposedly attempted suicide and that the other times were by overdoses of sleeping pills and the slashing of her wrist. Informant stated that she was also visited by the owner of the Mamma Mia's Pizza Company in Steger, Illinois.

Detective [redacted] Flossmoor Police Department, advised that when he was searching the room of Mrs. LA PORTE on the day of the shooting, he found in her dressing gown a handwritten note which he stated he would like to turn over to the FBI. The note reads as follows:

"I don't know what to say. You really hurt me this morning knowing that I was going away. But if that's the way you feel, it's okay with me. I will not call you or write to you until you write to me and tell me that you are sorry. Don't ask anybody for money. They haven't any. Use some of the \$4,500 you have until I get back, if you haven't spent it already and if you have, you just got to wait. I am very sorry and feel very bad the way you treated me this morning. To the way I said I will not write or call until I hear from you.

"/s/ F."

Detective [redacted] stated that it was his opinion that the note was written by her husband prior to his leaving Chicago in an effort to avoid a federal subpoena.

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[redacted] was re-contacted on May 31, 1962. She advised that she has been a private nurse for Mrs. LA PORTE for the past 6 years. She stated that she was unable to furnish any information regarding the subject's activities or his present whereabouts. She was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the attempted suicide of Mrs. LA PORTE. Mrs. LA PORTE is now without a nurse and [redacted] talked with her on the telephone approximately one month ago. While Mrs. LA PORTE was in St. James Hospital, the subject never visited her but did call on one or two occasions. [redacted] requested the interview be terminated as she had to leave for a nursing assignment.

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On May 31, 1962, [redacted] Records Librarian, St. James Hospital, 14th Street and Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, advised that according to her records the hospital has received no inquiries regarding the medical records of Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE since her release in December of 1961. She said that any inquiries regarding Mrs. LA PORTE would have cleared through her office and would have been noted in the file.

IV. ASSOCIATES

FRANK and TONY FRANZE

Chicago T-11 advised that ANTHONY FRANZE weighs 210 pounds, height 6'1", light complected, is approximately 51 years of age. He is a brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE and is also a close business associate. FRANZE is in charge of the "syndicate" operations in Calumet City. He also controls the pin ball machines in Calumet City. There is a current rumor that he will succeed FRANK LA PORTE in managing the organized crime operation in Calumet City. He has interest in the Club Bon-da-veo. He was formerly a "labor geon" in Chicago. The informant furnished this information in 1952.

Previous investigation has established that TONY and FRANK FRANZE are the licensees of various Calumet City "strip joints" and are also listed as the owners of the Cooperative

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Music Company of Chicago Heights which is the place of operation for all subject's illegal activities. The April 1, 1962, edition of the 'Chicago Heights Star', a bi-weekly newspaper, carried an article concerning the death of STEFANO GENE FRANZE. He was survived by 3 sisters, Mrs. EILEEN ROY, East Chicago Heights; Mrs. CATHERINE SIRIANI; and Mrs. MARY TOSSI of Chicago Heights. He is also survived by 4 brothers, TONY; FRANK; DOMINIC; and JOE; all of Chicago Heights. STEFANO FRANZE, the decedent, had been a fireman for the city of Chicago Heights for many years. Investigation reflects that STEFANO FRANZE was considered to be least involved in the criminal activities of the FRANZE brothers than any other member of the family. A physical surveillance of the FRANZE wake and funeral procession was conducted by SAs [redacted] on March 30, 1962. The subject was not observed as being in attendance. Numerous license numbers of individuals were observed and many are known to be close associates of the subject. These numbers are maintained in the files of the Chicago Office.

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JOSEPH MATALONE
1047 Evans Road
Flossmoor, Illinois

Mrs. GLADYS MATALONE advised that ANTHONY FRANZE was riding in her Cadillac the day he was served a Federal subpoena by the United States Marshal. She has known the LA PORTE's, BARTUSIEWICZ's, ROSS's, and FRANZE's for approximately 8 years. The association with these families has been purely a social relationship and she has no knowledge of their business activities. Mrs. MATALONE did furnish the name of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES DUNNING, 466 Hickory Street, Chicago Heights, as the daughter of JAMES ROSS. Mrs. MATALONE advised that her husband also is a personal friend of the LA PORTE's but has no business connection with him. She stated that she and her husband are the owners of the Chicago Macaroni Company, Chicago, Illinois, and formerly owned the Contine Tomato Paste Company which they recently sold to a firm in California. She denied that the subject or any of his associates owned any part of either company stating that the company was founded by her husband's great grandfather and has been in the family for many

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years. Her maiden name is BOYER and they have been married for approximately 8 years. She has a 16 year old step son who became acquainted with the above families as the step son attended high school with [REDACTED] Mrs. NATALONE stated that she visited Mrs. LA PORTE while she was in the hospital the past winter but learned no information regarding Mr. LA PORTE's activities or present whereabouts. She last saw the subject in October, 1961, when he was at his home in Flossmoor. She advised that her husband's company has no connection with the Mamma Mia Macaroni Company of Steger, Illinois, which she thought was formerly owned by an individual named D'AMICO who was an associate of LA PORTE's and JOE COSTELLO. Subject purchased a \$100 gift certificate for JOE NATALONE for Christmas, 1959.

Chicago T-4 advised on January 15, 1960, that LA PORTE frequented Jack Fagnan's, Incorporated, 103 West Randolph. On December 18, 1959, he purchased gift certificates indicating that they were Christmas presents. The following persons and amounts were obtained by LA PORTE for these individuals.

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WILLIAM PALERMO
8801 South Fairfield
Oak Lawn, Illinois

PALERMO received a \$50 gift certificate from the subject. Records of the Intelligence Division, Chicago Police Department, reflect that WILLIAM PALERMO is the brother of DOMINIC PALERMO, a close associate and lieutenant of subject LA PORTE. He is known as the "Bomber", and is reported to be the one who intimidates various businesses which the syndicate wants to take over. In addition, he is also known to be a burglar who makes "scores" on the south side of Chicago.

DOMINIC PALERMO
South Holland, Illinois

He received a \$50 gift certificate from subject LA PORTE, and is the owner of the Club Palace, State Line, and Torrey Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. [redacted] managers the club. Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, on June 20, 1962, advised that on June 19, 1962, PALERMO and six females were arrested for soliciting drinks in the Club Palace. They were released on \$200 bond which was furnished by FRANK LUZI, nephew of the subject. Chief LINKIEWICZ stated that PALERMO is considered to be the right-hand man of LA PORTE in the Calumet City area, and his automobile has been observed on numerous occasions at John's Pizzeria, 125 State Street, Calumet, City, and at the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, Joliet, Illinois. Chicago T-10 advised that DOMINIC "Toots" PALERMO registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, on November 7, 1959. He was dismissed on November 11, 1959. Date of birth January 15, 1919; wife BETTY; occupation Manager-Operator of Horn Palace; background consists of seven brothers and sisters, all living. Reason for coming to the clinic was a general physical examination. Informant stated that PALERMO was accompanied to Rochester by ALFRED PILOTTO, and that the two of them stayed at Hafei's Guest Home, 1301 Southwest 2nd Street, Rochester. This home is operated by [redacted] who is reported to be a close friend of both PALERMO and PILOTTO.

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JAMES CATURO
8800 South Fairfield
Oak Lawn, Illinois

A \$50 gift certificate was purchased for CATURO by the subject. Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised that CATURO is a well-known burglar who resides directly across the street from WILLIAM PALERMO, and has been reported to assist PALERMO in the "muscle enforcement of the syndicate's desires." CG T-12 advised that

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JIMMY CATURO "outfit connective" is the individual who furnished the money for the Red Fence Lounge in Dixmoor, Illinois. The place has recently been turned into a "strip joint", and, according to the informant, is undoubtedly owned by LA PORTE. Prostitution flourishes at the Red Fence and numerous girls can be observed hustling at the bar.

ALFRED PILOTTO

1 Country Club Road

Olympia Fields, Illinois

PILOTTO received a \$50 gift certificate from the subject. PILOTTO recently resigned as president of Local No. 5, Hod Carriers Union, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Prior to his taking over the presidency of the union, he was described as the bodyguard and chauffeur for subject LA PORTE according to CG T-12. CG T-10 advised that ALFRED PILOTTO registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, on November 7, 1959, and was dismissed on November 11, 1959. His first visit to Mayo Clinic had been on February 6, 1946, and he has been there on four other occasions. His wife is DIVA PILOTTO; his date of birth is listed as January 6, 1911, Chicago, Illinois; occupation, Union President; background, has three brothers and a sister, all living. Mayo Clinic signed report that he is a close friend of FRANK LA PORTE of the Chicago area. His reason for coming to the clinic was listed as nervous condition, and general check-up. CG T-4 advised on October 15, 1959, that ALFRED PILOTTO and his brother, LOUIS, visited with FRANK LA PORTE while the three of them spent considerable time with [redacted] who owns the men's store in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. The informant stated that a \$30 carriage blanket was sent to the home of LOUIS PILOTTO as a personal present from [redacted]. Informant was under the opinion that this was a baby gift. PILOTTO and LA PORTE are very close friends of [redacted] and often use the store as headquarters when they are in the Chicago Loop area. On February 16, 1960, informant stated that AL PILOTTO received three telephone calls while he was visiting at [redacted] store. On one occasion, the caller asked for PILOTTO, or "Toots." This source was under the opinion that the name "Toots" referred to DOMINIC "Toots" PALERMO.

JOSEPH BARNET

Hammond Hotel

Hammond, Indiana

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised that BARNET is approximately 60 years old, and that for the past 40 odd years he has been a gambler in the Calumet City area. Later, he has been considered the chief lookout for all big syndicate games in the area. His first lookout job started with the Owl Club in

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Calumet City, and he has since worked at the Corral Club, Cape Cod Club, and the J and J Picnic in Will County. The Chief described all of these places as hidden, extensive gambling operations which have been reported to gross several million dollars in wagers during a year's period. Recently, BARNET spends most of his time in Calumet City, indicating that there are presently no big syndicate gambling being operated in South Cook County. BARNET received a \$50 gift certificate in Christmas of 1959, from the subject.

RALPH EMERY

True Name: RALPH AMHARETTO

EMERY received a \$50 gift certificate from the subject. Previous investigation establishes that RALPH is the nephew of JIM EMERY, who until his death was a well-known pimp and boot-legger in the Chicago Heights area. He later became known as the syndicate head of Chicago Heights. CG T-13 advised that RALPH EMERY, one of FRANK LA PORTE's lieutenants, has sold his interest in RALPH's lounge, located in the Thomas Hotel, Chicago Heights. He advised that at the present time, May 23, 1962, that EMERY is out of town for a short period of time. EMERY desires to see the informant in order that the informant can call a contact of his regarding some juke boxes, and cigarette vending machines, locations presently being handled by GEORGE MUELLER, Incorporated. Officer [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that he heard that RALPH's lounge has been sold to one unknown person because RALPH EMERY, the owner, is in dire need of immediate money.

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RUDOLPH CAMPAGNA

7400 Alexandria
Hammond, Indiana

Received a \$50 gift certificate from the subject. Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that RUDOLPH and his brother FRANK CAMPAGNA are the owners of Whitey's Lounge and City Liquors in Calumet City. They also own a part interest in Poor Eddie's, Burnham, Illinois. In the past, all of these taverns have been used as gambling joints, and are reportedly owned by LA PORTE.

CG T-12 advised that RUDOLPH "Ruddy" CAMPAGNA is a close relative of LOUIS "Little New York" CAMPAGNA, who was notorious as a right-hand man for AL CAPONE in the prohibition days of Chicago. "Ruddy" is regularly employed as a houseman for the bookmaking and gambling activities carried on at Poor Eddie's

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Tavern. He is assisted in the endeavor by [redacted] (ph.) a former high police official in Burnham. The gambling activities are conducted with sanction of LA PORTE, and the "outfit" reportedly also operates Whitey's Tavern in Calumet City, and possibly has a liquor store somewhere on the south side of Cook County.

[redacted]
Address unknown

[redacted] received a \$100 gift certificate during the Christmas season of 1959, from the subject FRANK LA PORTE. His association and reason for such a gift from the subject are unknown to the Chicago Office of the FBI at the present time.

ANTHONY "Tony" ACCARDO
915 Franklin
River Forest, Illinois

ANTHONY JOSEPH ACCARDO is characterized from numerous investigative agencies as being a former member of the AL CAPONE empire, who conducted his criminal activities until the early 1940's when he rose to prominence as a leader of the Chicago Criminal Under World. He continued as a leader of this group until the middle 1950's. On November 11, 1960, he was convicted of an Internal Revenue Violation, and sent to six years imprisonment, and \$13,000 fine. This conviction is presently under appeal.

On July 5, 1954, ACCARDO entertained at a barbecue at his palatial residence at River Forest. Members of the Scotland Yard Detail, Chicago Police Department, conducted surveillance in the neighborhood and noted the licenses of various cars who attended this party during the course of the day and evening. Included was a car registered to FRANK LA PORTE. CG T-4 advised on October 27, 1960, that TONY ACCARDO and FRANK LA PORTE had a meeting in the private office of

[redacted] They remained approximately one hour and the purpose of the closed conference was unknown to the informant. It was the first time that the informant recalls seeing LA PORTE and ACCARDO together. CG T-8 on February 13, 1958, advised that the income tax records for FRANK LA PORTE indicate that in 1955 LA PORTE owned 25% of the Owl Club, 25 Douglas, Calumet City, Illinois. ACCARDO owned 50% of the club, and an

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individual named [] owns 25%. LA PORTE's 1956 income tax return reflects that during 1955 the club was split four ways with 25% of the profits going to each of the following individuals: FRANK LA PORTE, RALPH PIERCE, TONY FRANZE, and LES KRUZ. This return reflects that wagers handled at this club during the year amounted to \$3,600,000, of which a profit of \$400,000 was realized.

The May 1958 issue of "Male Magazine" in New York City, contained an article entitled, "TONY STONEFACE ACCARDO--Is He The New AL CAPONE?" The article states in part that ACCARDO, also known as JOE BATTERS, lives in a \$650,000 palace, always sends the biggest wreath to gang funerals. The article contains ACCARDO's background, and in part reads, "TONY moved into Calumet City, Illinois, back in 1936, when he was only a middle-size shot in the outfit. He bought a 50% interest in a handbook, and a large store building. It cost him \$1,000, and a BECKFELDER, or MORGAN never made a better investment. He and his partner, FRANK LA PORTE, had the place cleaned up and decorated. They put in roulette wheels, dice tables, and poker games. They called it the Owl Club because it never closes, and it became a bonanza."

SAMUEL "Mooney" GIANCANA
River Forest, Illinois

SAM GIANCANA has been reported by several reliable sources to be the present leader of organized criminal activities in the Chicago area. He is considered to have replaced TONY ACCARDO in approximately 1955, and his criminal background dates back to the days of the AL CAPONE Criminal Empire. On May 21, 1955, WILLIAM DUFFY, Scotland Yard Detail, Chicago Police Department, furnished a letter to the Commanding Officer of the Police Department, which set forth the following information: SAM GIANCANA, "at the wake of his father, ANTHONY GIANCANA, was at the Cermak Funeral Home, in Cicero, Illinois, on July 24, 1954. He was visited by the following hoodlums, and sat with them in a combination cocktail lounge, and bowling alley, operated by JOE CONNGOLD. The lounge was closed to the public. Present at the meeting was TONY ACCARDO, MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO, DOMINIC BRONCATO, R. S. RATTI, JAKE GUZIC, JOHN LARDINO, PAT MANNING, JOY GLINCO, DOMINIC DE BELLO, TONY BACCH, JOE CAMPISO, OBIE FRABOTTO, ANTHONY DE ROSA, ROSS PRIO, and FRANK LA PORTE.

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A short time later, GIANCANA's wife died, and the wake was held at Rago's Funeral Home, 5132 West Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois. FRANK LA PORTE attended the wake."

Another reliable source has indicated that on several occasions LA PORTE has visited with numerous top Chicago hoodlums, and been known to participate in high-level conferences concerning the gambling situation in Cook County. Included among these top hoodlums are SAM GIANCANA, GUS ALEX, FRANK FERRIO, and MURRAY HUMPHREY.

JOSEPH PAUL GLIMCO
629 Selbourne
Riverside, Illinois

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[redacted] president, Karsten and Sons, 1100 West Fulton Market, Chicago, advised that FRANK LA PORTE is known to be a very close associate of JOSEPH PAUL GLIMCO. JOSEPH PAUL GLIMCO is President of Local 777, Taxicab Drivers Union, in Chicago. He is described as the contact man for the organized criminal element in all types of labor disputes and matters in the Chicago area.

Records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that LA PORTE and GLIMCO are reported to have financial interest in the company that produces under the trade name of Mercury Phonograph Records. Police records do not furnish any specific information as to the above information.

JOHN ROBERTS
True name: JOHN ROBERTI

CG T-1 advised that JOHN ROBERTS of Chicago Heights, Illinois, is a racketeer who is a partner of FRANK LA PORTE for most of his illegal activities. He describes ROBERTS as an Italian, 60 years of age, very large in stature, and speaks very little English. His brother, DOMINIC ROBERTS, was also in the "rackets", but was deported to Italy approximately 30 years ago. Informant stated that he had heard that TONY ACCARDO had visited with DOMINIC ROBERTS when ACCARDO recently visited Italy.

On November 7, 1961, it was learned from an anonymous source that JOHN ROBERTS of Chicago Heights had died. This source described him as a "syndicate member", and a very close associate of FRANK LA PORTE. The source advised that all of the top hoodlums in south Cook County were expected to attend the wake at the West End Funeral Home in Chicago Heights, Illinois. This source stated that in the late 1920's and 1930's DOMINIC ROBERTS, brother of

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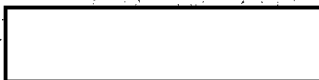
JOHN ROBERTS, was associated with FRANK LA PORTE, and VINCENZER AMHARETTO, aka JIM EMERY in several houses of prostitution in the Chicago Heights area. ROBERTS was deported to Italy in 1932. During the time that TONY ACCARDO and Lieutenant DE GRAZIO, Chicago Police Department, were on tour of Europe, they visited Rome, and at that time DOMINIC ROBERTS stayed in the same hotel as ACCARDO. Records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that the subject's grandmother on his mother's side was a ROBERTI. Physical surveillance of the wake of JOHN ROBERTS was conducted, and the cars of the following individuals were noted to be in the area of the funeral home:

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Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Chicago Heights

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JOHN C. MONTELLA
1638 Vincennes Avenue
Chicago Heights

LF 2358



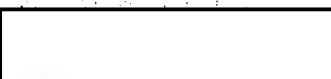
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Chicago Heights

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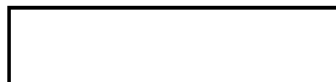
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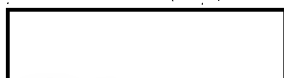
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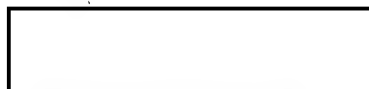
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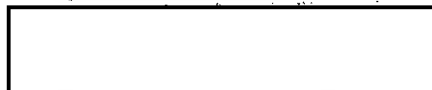
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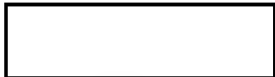
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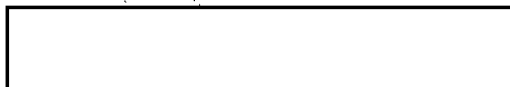
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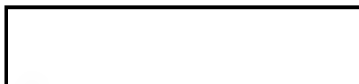


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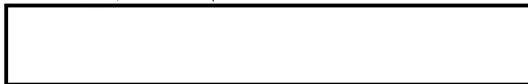


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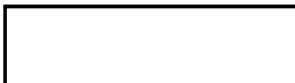
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Lansing

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Chicago Heights

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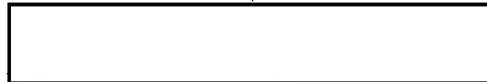
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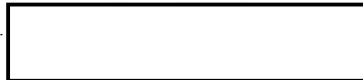
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Chicago Heights

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CB 4760

(Indiana)
Harbor Motors
3440 Michigan Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana

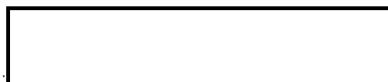
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Chicago Heights

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Tinley Park

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BS 6261

[REDACTED]
Country Club Hills

AX 6405

[REDACTED]
Now Lenox

KK 4701

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NF 6520

FL 1731

[REDACTED]
Courtesy Lease Save Plan Inc.
2148 S. Canalport

CP 2702

(Indiana)
[REDACTED]

Cedar Lake, Indiana

938-563

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

537-443

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

DN 1667

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NB 4453

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Chicago Heights

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[REDACTED]
Blue Island

L 61773

(Wisconsin)
Chicos Bar-B-Q
1550 N. Farwell Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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DN 2419

[REDACTED]
Greto

GT 8171

KW 4264

[REDACTED]
Lansing

KT 2791

686-484

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

984-261

THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ
1710 Cambridge
Flossmoor

NE 3647

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights

NF 4898

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Goodenow

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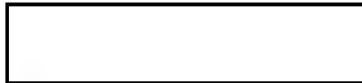
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Park Forest

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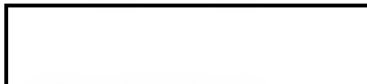
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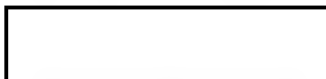
Chicago Heights

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South Holland

KD 1896



Chicago Heights

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Taxicab Driver's Union 777
1213 Blue Island

LG 7649

The Hertz Corp.
181 Ash
Park Forest

831-954

JAMES MONTELLA
327 Memorial Drive
Calumet City

KC 7723



Olympia Fields

KK 8332



Maywood, Illinois

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St. Anne

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Rock City Transportation Company
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Chicago, Illinois

Dealer 3086

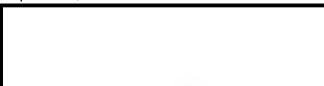
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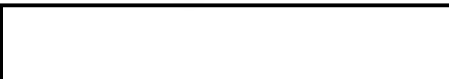


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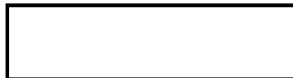
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Flossmoor

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Berwyn

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JAN KALDI
343 E. 14th Street
Chicago Heights

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CG T-4 advised on July 30, 1959, that the records of Fagman's, Inc. reveal that JOHN ROBERTS is an Italian from Chicago Heights, Illinois. He has been in the store and had purchased \$500 worth of merchandise. Informant stated that ROBERTS and FRANK LA PORTE have had previous telephone contacts and informant recalled that LA PORTE gave a \$100 gift certificate to JOHN ROBERTS during December, 1958. Informant stated that ROBERTS is the owner and operator of Necastro's Restaurants which have locations at 274 East 17th Street, and 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights.

GEORGE BABE TUFFANELI
Blue Island, Illinois

The "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, on April 9, 1960, contained the caption "County Gambling Thrives." The article concerned BABE TUFFANELI. It reads as follows: "TUFFANELI is allied with the Chicago Heights mob, headed by FRANKIE LA PORTE of Flossmoor, and RALPH EMERY, whose father, JAMES EMERY, was south Cook County gambling boss until his death. TUFFANELI admits he is a friend of LA PORTE, who is now vacationing in California. He and LA PORTE were kicked out of that state a few years ago, and went down to look over some property in Las Vegas.

LA PORTE was in bookmaking, prostitution, and gambling in the south end of Cook County. When he presented promise, TONY ACCARDO picked him up. They operated the Owl Club in Calumet City, Illinois. The Internal Revenue Service sued for \$150,000 in back taxes for the gambling that was carried on in the club.

When TUFFANELI was asked about the Corral, saloon-restaurant in a handbook, at Vermont and Iceland, Calumet Park, he said he built the place. TUFFANELI said that he built the Corral 'on contract' for unnamed owners. Reportedly, the Calumet City mob (ACCARDO--LA PORTE) owned it. Asked, who owned the casino in the rear of the place, TUFFANELI said, "would you mind very much if I didn't answer that?"

JOSEPH GUZZINO
1065 Wentworth
Calumet City

CG T-15 advised that JOE GUZZINO is the right-hand man of

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FRANK LA PORTE in the Calumet City, Illinois, gambling operations. Informant stated that he observed ANDREW BRIATICO at the Washington Park Race Track with SAM GUZZINO, 235 West 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. SAM is the brother of JOE GUZZINO, and BRIATICO is the owner of the Uptown Florist, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-13 advised that NICK GUZZINO, also known as "Squeggie", is the owner of the Five O'Clock Club in Calumet City. He has numerous "B" girls employed, however, recently, these girls are not openly hustling at the club, but are only prostituting themselves to well established customers because of the heat put on by the Calumet City Mayor, and Chief of Police. Informant advised he has heard that JOE GUZZINO used to run a wire service in the Chicago Heights area, and was a partner in this activity with RALPH EMERY. He further advised he was formerly a partner in the Horse parlor known as the Acorn Club, in Streator, Illinois. Informant stated that he has recently heard NICK GUZZINO is handling the syndicate gambling activity in Joliet, Illinois, for FRANK LA PORTE. He indicated that GUZZINO has close contact with the Wilco Music Company in Joliet, which he believes to be owned by FRANK LA PORTE.

[redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, advised on March 3, 1959, at Washington D.C., that JOSEPH GUZZINO was last issued Chicago Series Passport No. 813096 on March 20, 1958, for a postponed two months travel to Italy to visit relatives. The passport was valid for two years travel to all countries except those under Communist control. It is noted that under current passport regulations, such passports may be used by the bearer for lawful travel during the period of validity whenever, and as often as desired without further prior notification to the Department of State or other government agencies. These records reflect that this individual stated he was born March 16, 1899, at Donaldsonville, Louisiana. He furnished a permanent residence at 1065 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. He stated he was last married on January 5, 1951, to [redacted]. He had previously listed on another application that he was married on September 20, 1921, to IRENE GUZZINO, who was residing in Chicago. This marriage was terminated in divorce in July, 1948. He described himself as white, male, American, 5'10 1/2", gray hair, hazel eyes, occupation, tavern owner and salesman. These records reflect that GUZZINO's file had been reviewed by officers of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in July, 1953, and November, 1958.

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CG T-10 advised that JOSEPH GUZZINO, Calumet City, Illinois, registered at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester Minnesota, on June 7, 1957. He came with a brother who had heart surgery, and then decided to go through the Clinic himself. His wife was listed as BONNIE, and his birth was given as March 17, 1899, New Orleans, Louisiana. Under background, he claimed to have one brother, and two sisters, living, and that he has two daughters. Under business, he listed, partnership in Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

VICTOR GREENFIELD

CG T-4 advised that subject LA PORTE, on February 11, 1959, made two calls to Streator, Illinois. It was determined that one of the numbers is registered to VICTOR GREENFIELD, 221 South Monroe, age 45, who runs a clothing business in Streator known as Adele's. According to the information developed, GREENFIELD comes from wealthy parents, he was fined for open gambling in April, 1951. He filed suit to recover \$7,000 which he claimed he lost in the Paradise Lounge, operated by [redacted] Peoria, Illinois. Further information developed that GREENFIELD reflected a gambling loss of \$1,000 during the course of one evening. He had cashed bad checks at the Golden Nugget, and Desert Inn, at Las Vegas, Nevada, and has allegedly been involved in several gambling expeditions.

FRANK PANNO Jr.

(See above heading.) It is noted that [redacted]

[redacted] Streator, Illinois. This individual operates the Club Grove, supper club, near Streator, and it is reported that this establishment has been raided on occasion for after hour operations. Allegations have been made, that blackjack, and other types of gambling are indulged in at this club. On July, 1958, the Treasury Department filed a lien against the property for \$600. The state of Illinois is also reported to have many liens filed against the property. On February 1, 1959, the club was closed and ordered not to reopen. Information obtained from CG T-4.

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PHIL BACINO
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police CASIMER LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised in 1959 that John's Pizzeria was licensed in the name of [REDACTED] In the late 1930's PHIL BACINO, who has never been known to have used another name, shot and killed one FRANK PALKO. At the trial BACINO pleaded self-defense and was acquitted of the charge. BACINO was in his own tavern and the dispute was allegedly over a woman.

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The Chief stated that regular meetings used to be held every Thursday night in the basement of the pizzeria. Among those in attendance were FRANK LA PORTE, DOC AMADIO, WILLIAM JOHNSON, SR., FRENCHY JULIO DE JORIS, PHIL MUSCANERO, and TONY FRANZE. It is to be noted that all of these individuals are either the owners or operators of the infamous State Street strip joints and prostitution houses of Calumet City. In addition, on various occasions crime leaders from Chicago were alleged to be attending these meetings. These included SAM GIANCANA.

BUD NARDE
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chicago T-1 advised that a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE is one BUD NARDE who now resides in Miami, Florida. NARDE is the former owner of the Four Aces Tavern in Calumet City. This was a former gambling cassino. NARDE has a brother named JOE NARDE who operates a tavern at 14th and Arnold at Chicago Heights, Illinois. The informant indicated that JOE NARDE has also been associated with LA PORTE.

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[redacted]
Calumet City, Illinois

Chicago T-1 advised that [redacted] in 1960, was supposed to be the owner of the Riptide Club in Calumet City. This club for many years has been a front for prostitution and other illegal activities. The informant observed [redacted] and FRANK LA PORTE in a conference at a Christmas party in December, 1958. It is the informant's opinion that LA PORTE is the actual owner of the Riptide Club and that [redacted] merely operates it for LA PORTE'S financial benefit.

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

[redacted] is the owner and operator of a jewelry store at 67 Illinois Street, which is located in the Victoria Hotel Building in Chicago Heights, Illinois. The records of the Chicago Heights Credit Bureau, in a confidential report, reflect that this business is carried on with the support of old time mobsters which includes JIM EMERY and FRANK LA PORTE. There was speculation that the store is actually owned by LA PORTE.

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[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

[redacted] is the owner and operator of the Gerardi Funeral Home on Chicago Road in the Heights. It will be noted in another section of this report that [redacted] co-operated with the subject's nephew, FRANK LUZI, in attempting to cover up the attempted suicide of the subject's wife. In view of [redacted] actions during this time, it would appear that he is associated with LA PORTE on a personal basis.

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[redacted]
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised on January 30, 1962, that [redacted] is an ex-convict and is presently employed by the Cook County Traffic Board as an investigator. In the past the Chief has observed [redacted] and LA PORTE frequently at various places in Calumet City. It is the Chief's opinion that [redacted] is part owner of the Oaks Motel and that LA PORTE is also active in the financial operations of the motel. In the past gambling and prostitution have been rumored to exist at the motel. The Chief advised that he had raided the motel on one occasion and taken into custody approximately sixty individuals. The violation was a violation of the closing law regarding taverns. No convictions were reported and all individuals were released on bonds which were furnished by the subject's nephew, FRANK LUZI.

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JOSEPH COSTELLO
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chicago T-16 advised that he recently overheard a conversation involving JOSEPH COSTELLO, who the informant describes as the son of "Old Joe" COSTELLO, who prior to his death was a close associate of the late AL CAPONE and handled some of his breweries in South Cook County. Young COSTELLO was complaining that he and his associates had always been able to control the local Chicago Heights government, particularly in the field of liquor licenses. He complained that recently a liquor license had been given to the Walgreen Drug Company in the Heights and he did not approve of this. He stated that this had been allowed to happen because FRANK LA PORTE did not interfere and stop it. COSTELLO indicated that he would contact SAM GIANCANA and have him intercede with LA PORTE to find out why Walgreens was given the license. COSTELLO stated that GIANCANA had previously indicated in referring to LA PORTE that he would call LA PORTE in and lay the cards on the table. Regardless of how big a man he was in his own area, he would have to co-operate and do as he was told.

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On March 11, 1962, the Chicago Heights Star, a biweekly newspaper, carried an article concerning the funeral services for FRANK COSTELLO, age 76, of 277 West 16th Street. COSTELLO was born on January 30, 1886, at Caccamo, Italy, and had been in the United States for approximately thirty years. The article went on to state that he is survived by his widow and three daughters, Mrs. VIRGINIA PANIO, Chicago Heights, Mrs. ROSE BATTAGLIA, Kankakee, Illinois, and Mrs. JOSEPHINE ROMA, Chicago; three sisters, Mrs. JEANNIE LABUE, Mrs. JOSEPHINE MACALUSO, and Mrs. CECILIA PIAZZA. Mr. COSTELLO was preceded in death by three brothers, JOE, SAM, and CHARLES.

Previous investigation has established that the COSTELLOS are close associates with the "syndicate" and that JOE COSTELLO is presently part owner of the Chicago Heights Distributing Company which supplies a great majority of taverns in South Cook County. A physical observation of the wake and funeral procession for FRANK COSTELLO reflected that many known hoodlums attended the wake, however, the subject, FRANK LA PORTE was not observed. Records of the Chicago Police Department reflect that JOE L. COSTELLO owns two-thirds interest of the Terrace Liquor Store, 18707 Dickie Highway, Homewood, Illinois. He also is believed to have part ownership in the Drive-In Liquors, Route 30 and 83.

On May 29, 1962, [REDACTED] Manager, Lincolnshire Country Club, Steger, Illinois, advised that the only hoodlums who belong to this club are NICK COSTELLO, the MACALUSO brothers, the FUCHIE brothers, AL PILOTTO, and DOC AMADIO. STANLEY DOMINIC, chief locker room attendant, stated that he knows that LA PORTE has never played at the club. He volunteered that he was raised in the "Hungry Hill" section of Chicago Heights, where the COSTELLOS and LA PORTES were raised. Although he played with them during his childhood, he has never associated with them in recent years.

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[redacted] stated that "hoods" were allowed into the club for the following reason: Several years ago "Black Sam" MACALUSO attempted to get into the club and his application was rejected. Shortly thereafter considerable damage was done to the club's greens and fairways by vandals on different nights. MACALUSO was recontacted and admitted to membership. Since that time there has been no damage to the property by vandals.

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[redacted]
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that [redacted] owns a restaurant by the same name in Calumet City. [redacted] and LA PORTE are close friends and he has observed them talking together numerous times at Zaranti's Restaurant. He does not know if LA PORTE has a financial interest in the restaurant.

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[redacted] head teller, Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana, advised that on February 28, 1962, [redacted] one of the owners of Zaranti's Restaurant, Calumet City, Illinois, appeared at the Calumet National Bank, and presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 payable to [redacted] signed by FRANK LA PORTE, M & M Distributing Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. [redacted] stated that he could not recall the name of the bank that the check was drawn on, but knew it was one located in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] continued that since he knows [redacted] and LA PORTE personally and knows that LA PORTE has in the past sent other large checks through the bank for payment, he believed it would be all right to cash same, but on the thought that cashing same would leave the bank short-handed, he contacted [redacted] bank official, who informed [redacted] that the check should first be sent through for collection. [redacted] stated that he so informed [redacted] who in turn left the check with [redacted] for collection through the Chicago Heights, Illinois, bank.

[redacted] stated that several days thereafter [redacted] again returned to the bank and received the money for this check.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] presently maintains an account with the Calumet National Bank, and LA PORTE, up until approximately one year ago, also maintained an account at the Calumet National Bank, and therefore both [redacted] and LA PORTE were well known to him. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was alone on both occasions at the bank and he recalled asking [redacted] how LA PORTE was, and he answered that he was "okay".

[redacted] stated that this check had been photographed by the bank and a photograph of same, together with the information concerning the accounts of [redacted] and FRANK LA PORTE could be obtained through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted] Executive Vice-president, Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana.

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by SA [redacted] /LJC/jas Date dictated 3/9/62

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[redacted] head teller, Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana, advised that he had been in error previously during the day when interviewed by SA [redacted] concerning the maker of the \$20,000 check presented to the Calumet National Bank by [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he believed he had informed the interviewing agent that this check had been drawn by FRANK LA PORTE on the concern of the M & M Distributing Company, when in fact the check had been drawn on the account of the Cooperative Music Company and the names FRANK LA PORTE and FRANK FRANZ appeared on the check as makers thereof.

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On March 15, 1962, SAs JOHN W. PARISH and [] contacted [] Vice-president of the Calumet National Bank, Hammond, Indiana. [] immediately introduced the agents to [] cashier. [] produced all records of the bank which were reviewed back as far as 1934. No record was located for FRANK LA PORTE or [] head teller, again furnished substantially the same information stating that after making a more thorough review he located a microfilm photograph of the check and the following information was received:

Check # 17825 dated February 15, 1962, in the amount of \$20,000, drawn on the account of the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights National Bank, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Payee was listed as [] and the payers were FRANK LA PORTE and FRANK FRANZ. The account number appeared to be 05-7680-7. The check was endorsed with the handwritten signature of []

[] advised that "back in the old days" FRANK LA PORTE and one [] often brought large checks to the Calumet National Bank for cashing. He stated the checks were usually the proceeds from the Owl Club (a syndicate gambling casino prior to its closing in 1958) and that it was an unrecorded agreement that the bank would clear these checks for cash. He stated that to his knowledge neither LA PORTE nor the Owl Club had ever had an actual account with the bank. He could not recall the usual amount of the checks received or how often LA PORTE and [] would come in to the bank. He estimated that it was not unusual for \$50,000 or \$60,000 worth of checks to be cleared by the Owl Club at one time. He stated that there had been no checks of this type cashed for at least the past four or five years.

[] collection teller, Calumet National Bank, advised that [] had sent [] to her window with a \$20,000 check previously described. She advised [] that they would be unable to immediately cash the check because of its size and it would be necessary for the bank to send the check to the Chicago Heights Bank for cash. She explained to [] that it would take approximately two days for the check to clear and that he should return at that time. Check cleared

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without difficulty and the money was given to her on March 2nd. She called [] at his restaurant in Calumet City and was advised by his brother that [] was not present and that the message would be given to him that his check had cleared. She believes that the following Wednesday [] came in and received his money which consisted of only \$100 bills. [] gave her \$1.00 from his pocket for the service charge. She stated that [] made no comment on either occasion regarding LA PORTE or any other individual and that she is positive that LA PORTE was not with him when he appeared at the bank.

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JOSEPH BARRETT
Spottsville, Kentucky

Chicago T-12 advised that JOSEPH BARRETT, a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE, formerly owned houses of prostitution in Chicago Heights and Godley, Illinois. He has since retired and moved to Kentucky. His son [] still operates a house of prostitution somewhere near Joliet, Illinois.

By communication dated March 17, 1962, the Louisville Office advised that JOSEPH BARRETT resides at Route 1, Spottsville, Kentucky. Upon interview, JOSEPH BARRETT claimed he has not spoken to FRANK LA PORTE for the past seven or eight years and that he was never a close associate or acquaintance of LA PORTE. BARRETT admitted that he had been in the tavern and night club business in Chicago Heights, and knew that LA PORTE handled juke boxes and has a music store in the Heights. He stated he never had any arguments with LA PORTE but that he would never take LA PORTE'S juke boxes at any of his taverns and he never liked LA PORTE as an individual. He and LA PORTE grew up in the "Hungry Hill" section of Chicago Heights. He denied that he had any knowledge of LA PORTE handling pinball machines or if any pressure or muscle was used by LA PORTE to get his juke boxes into a favorable location. He did admit that there were lots of windows broken. He would not elaborate on this statement. He claimed to have no information of any type concerning the whereabouts or activities of the subject. BARRETT stated he built his business, the J. B. Resort in 1957, but has owned the land since 1934. He is staying in Kentucky because his wife is from that area.

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FRANK LUZI
212 West 29th Place
South Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chicago T-3 advised in April, 1962, that FRANK LUZI is the nephew of FRANK LA PORTE. LA PORTE set him up in the F and L Bonding Company, which he currently operates out of Chicago Heights. LUZI in return now acts as a body guard and chauffeur for LA PORTE. LUZI has driven LA PORTE to California and Nevada in the recent past.

Chicago T-7 advised that he had recently been in contact with FRANK LA PORTE'S nephew, FRANK LUZI who represents LA PORTE'S interests in the Bonding Company at Chicago Heights. LUZI stated that he had recently been in contact with LA PORTE and told the informant that LA PORTE was "on the lamb again". He inferred that LA PORTE was no longer in California but stated that he was in contact with LUZI on occasions. LUZI furnished his business telephone as SKYline 4-2629. LUZI told him that telephone number was for his Bonding Company and also is the automobile telephone which he has in his 1962 Buick.

Previous investigation has established that Skyline 4-2629 is subscribed by the Skyline Answering Service at 1911 South Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois. It is a number for approximately 20 other businesses and individuals which utilize the answering service. Investigation indicates that LUZI has no physical office and operates the Bonding Company from his home and automobile.

[redacted] Federal Communications Officer, Old Court House, Chicago, advised SA [redacted] on March 22, 1962, that a review of his records reflects that there is no mobile type transmitting equipment authorized for the Chicago Heights area. SA [redacted] interviewed LUZI on another matter and had occasion to observe the interior of LUZI'S automobile. Under suitable pretext he learned that LUZI receives two-way radio service from the South Shore Radio and Telephone, Inc. at 6405 Olcott, Hammond, Indiana. His receiving and transmitting unit is under the trade name Motrac which is manufactured by the Motorola Company and has an approximate 15 mile range in the

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Chicago Heights area. LUZI'S automobile is described as a 1962 metallic grey Electra, 4-door, Buick with 1962 Illinois license 905404. It has two radio aerials, one on the right front fender which appears to be a regular commercial a.m. radio and a small 12 to 14 inch antenna mounted in the middle of the car's trunk.

[redacted] was recontacted and advised that a review of his records reflect the South Shore Company has six frequencies assigned to them. Two of the frequencies are 158.67 and 152.21 megacycles. LUZI'S car is assigned number 14. The manager of the South Shore Company is listed as [redacted] and there is a close financial tie-in with commercial radio station WJOB in Hammond, Indiana.

[redacted] Owner and Manager, Al's Steak House, Route 52 and Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, on May 25, 1962, advised that he knew FRANK LA PORTE because LA PORTE used to come into his steak house for a couple of drinks on the average of once or twice a week for a period of several months during the late winter and early spring of 1962. He advised LA PORTE was always accompanied by one FRANK LUZI, a bail bondsman from Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised that he at first did not know LA PORTE but was introduced to him by LUZI after LA PORTE and LUZI had frequented his place several times. He advised that both men conducted themselves gentlemanly at all times, were always soft spoken, and always nicely dressed. He never saw or knew LA PORTE to be with any woman while at the steak house and did not know of any women with whom LA PORTE associated. LUZI on the other hand would at times have a woman with him but he did not know her name. He further advised that he did not pay that much attention to the woman to be able to give a description. He stated that the woman was with LUZI and LA PORTE never had a woman with him while he frequented the above establishment.

He advised that on a couple of occasions the organist at Al's, [redacted] (LNU), had a couple of drinks with LA PORTE and LUZI and it is usual for her to mix with

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the customers. He advised [] between numbers, mixes freely with most of the customers many of whom buy her a drink from time to time. He continued that for either LA PORTE or LUZI to buy her a drink from time to time was not at all unusual and that she had only a casual acquaintance with both LA PORTE and LUZI. He advised that he seriously doubts that she knew who either LA PORTE or LUZI were and to her they were only customers. He stated he can state with certainty that [] has not seen either LA PORTE or LUZI outside of Al's Steak House. He advised [] is a very good friend to him, AL, and she confides in him.

He stated that neither LA PORTE nor LUZI have frequented his place since approximately the first week of May, 1962. He stated that previously they used to frequent his place once or twice a week. He advised that on one occasion when LUZI frequented his place alone he was talking to him alone over a couple of drinks. He had never known LUZI'S name although he had seen him in the place on several occasions. For that matter he had never known LA PORTE'S name until LUZI told him on this one particular evening after they had been frequenting the place for many weeks. LUZI on this particular evening volunteered his name and said that he was a bail bondsman from the area of Chicago Heights, Illinois. He further identified his usual companion who was not with him that particular evening as FRANK LA PORTE from Chicago Heights, Illinois, but knew very little of his background. [] advised that he could not prevent either LA PORTE or LUZI from frequenting his establishment and that they always conducted themselves as gentlemen.

[] advised that he had not seen either LA PORTE or LUZI since about the first week of May of 1962, and has no knowledge whatsoever as to their other places of entertainment or any knowledge as to their whereabouts or location. He advised his knowledge of and association with either LA PORTE or LUZI was very casual from meeting them in his steak house. He advised he has never seen them outside of the steak house.

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[] advised that he wished to be of any co-operation whatsoever with FBI and stated that in the event he should see either LA PORTE or LUZI at his steak house in the future he would immediately contact the FBI. [] was again contacted on June 8, 1962, when he advised that he had not seen either LA PORTE or LUZI in his steak house and that he had been unable to find out any information concerning them. He continued to pledge his co-operation and stated that he would immediately notify the FBI should either of the individuals enter his establishment.

[] Manager, The Cloister Lounge, 509 North Chicago Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, on May 25, 1962, advised that he knows FRANK LA PORTE on sight and knows of him by reputation. He advised he has never met LA PORTE but that LA PORTE on occasions has frequented The Cloister Lounge with one FRANK LUZI and ARMOND D'ANDREA in the past months. He advised he does not know why any of these individuals chose to frequent The Cloister Lounge because he has no business dealing whatsoever with any of them. He advised that he knows of ARMOND D'ANDREA from being raised and being around the area of Joliet, Illinois. He knows FRANK LUZI because he was told LUZI was a bail bondsman from the area of Chicago Heights, Illinois. He stated that LA PORTE, LUZI, and D'ANDREA in total frequented The Cloister Lounge about four or five times in about the period of the first two weeks of April of 1962. He advised that he has not seen any of them in The Cloister Lounge since about the second week of April of 1962. He advised he spends almost every hour The Cloister Lounge is open tending bar and can state definitely that they have not frequented The Cloister Lounge since the second week of April of 1962. He advised that when they did frequent The Cloister Lounge they would remain only for a relatively short time usually having a couple of drinks apiece. He advised that he did not know other places which they frequented and had no idea whatsoever about their personal background, addresses, etc., which might be helpful in locating them. He advised he at no time while they frequented The Cloister Lounge sat with them or talked with them other than to say hello or acknowledge the time of day. He advised he has never seen any woman with FRANK LA PORTE but has seen a woman with LUZI when they have frequented The Cloister Lounge. He advised he does not know the woman who was with LUZI.

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[] stated he would pledge complete co-operation in notifying the FBI immediately if and when LA PORTE frequented the Cloister Lounge. He advised that he would be especially alert if LA PORTE came into the Cloister or if he in any way learned of any information which would be helpful in locating LA PORTE he would immediately notify the FBI.

It is to be noted that Captain [] National Academy, Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, resides directly across from the Cloister Lounge on a side street, [] where he is in a position to periodically frequent the Cloister Lounge and also continually be alert for LA PORTE. Captain [] has been continually alert for the presence of LA PORTE or for any unusual activities at the Cloister Lounge with negative results. [] has been given the name, aliases, and description regarding LA PORTE.

It is to be noted that because of the peculiar position of ARMOND D'ANDREA'S residence located at 811 Richards Street, Joliet, Illinois, no source has been obtained to watch his residence. However, there has been continual fissures and spot checks of his residence since May 1, 1962. The nearest neighbor to D'ANDREA is more than 150 yards. D'ANDREA'S residence is so situated that neither neighbor would have any vantage point to see who enters or leaves D'ANDREA'S residence. Directly across the street from the D'ANDREA residence is a large water filled rock quarry.

Chicago T-13 advised that [] who works for FRANK LUZI, approached the informant []

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ARMOND D'ANDREA
Joliet, Illinois

Chicago T-9 advised in May, 1962, that ARMOND D'ANDREA owns the D'Andrea Construction Company on Richards Street in Joliet, Illinois. This company presently has sewer contracts in Joliet and Chicago Heights. The informant stated that D'ANDREA'S sister is married to FRANK LUZI, a nephew of LA PORTE. D'ANDREA is also a close associate of LA PORTE and has stayed at his home. The informant is of the opinion that on occasions LA PORTE uses D'ANDREA'S beige 1962 Cadillac for his personal use. It should be noted above that D'ANDREA has been at various taverns in the Joliet area with subject LA PORTE.

GABRIEL J. APRATI
1524 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chicago T-13 advised on May 23, 1962, that the attorney used by the "syndicate" people in the Chicago Heights area is GABE APRATI. He has the reputation of being able to fix all cases that are conducted in South Cook County courts. He is the law partner or at least rents space in the same office as ANTHONY SCANNERINO (PH) who is the representative to the Illinois House of Representatives in this area. The informant stated that FRANK LUZI is the bondsman used by all the people connected with the syndicate and the accountant for the club is JOHN ZERANTE, 1541 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He is particularly active in filling out the tax returns for the strippers and prostitutes in the area. The informant is of the opinion that APRATI is an associate of FRANK LA PORTE.

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FRANCIS JEROME CURRY
516 Western
Joliet, Illinois

FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, a reputed racketeer in the area of Joliet, Illinois and an associate of FRANK LA PORTE, was born December 11, 1902, at Joliet, Illinois. His legal residence is listed as 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, where he intermittently resides with his wife, MARIAN, and their two children, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CURRY is reputed to be an ex-bootlegger and formerly chief racketeer of the slot machine business in the Joliet, Will County, Illinois, area. It is reputed that CURRY got his start in the Prohibition Era as a bootlegger when his father-in-law, MIKE BREEN, became sheriff of Will County, Illinois, and CURRY was given the go ahead sign to operate slot machines in Will County during the late 1930s and early 1940s. It is reputed CURRY did not own these machines but operated them for the syndicate out of Chicago Heights, Illinois. During the late 1930s and the middle 1940s, CURRY also was known to have operated several "bookie" joints in the area of Joliet, Illinois, having had during these years, a telemeter machine for obtaining news service relative to horse racing results. CURRY reputedly has been known as a "lieutenant" under FRANK LA PORTE for the area of Joliet, Illinois and Will County, Illinois. The above information obtained from various sources in the Joliet area.

CG T-9 advised that FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, a friend of LA PORTE, had informed that LA PORTE is of the opinion that if he can remain secreted until the first week of June, he will have no worry concerning a subpoena. Furthermore, informant advised that LA PORTE planned to accompany CURRY during the first week of June, 1962, to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where both planned to have physical examinations.

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Informant advised that [REDACTED] FRANK CURRY, and a friend of FRANK LA PORTE, was to celebrate his 22nd birthday on [REDACTED] When numerous guests were expected to be in attendance at CURRY's residence, 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, LA PORTE allegedly gave ROBERT CURRY a \$1,000 bill for his 21st birthday and allegedly was to give ROBERT CURRY another \$1,000 bill for his 22nd birthday. Informant advised FRANK LUZI as well as other members of the hoodlum element were allegedly to be in attendance at CURRY's 22nd birthday party at the above address.

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CG T-9 advised that he was introduced to one FRANK LA PORTE while in the Cloister Lounge, Joliet, Illinois, 509 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois. Informant was introduced to LA PORTE on April 4, 1962, for the first time while LA PORTE was in the company of FRANK LUZI and ARMOND D'ANDREA. Informant described LA PORTE approximately 55 to 60 years of age, 5'8" in height, somewhat portly build, bald head with graying sideburns, wore an expensive suit having an initialled handkerchief with initials "F.L." in the suit coat pocket. Subsequently, informant also saw LA PORTE and talked with him for a short time at the Cloister Lounge on April 7 and April 11, 1962. On both occasions, LA PORTE was in the company of above mentioned LUZI and D'ANDREA. Informant has saw LA PORTE in the area of Joliet, Illinois, on April 11, 1962, at the Cloister Lounge. On the above three occasions when informant saw LA PORTE, informant had only a casual introduction and short talk with LA PORTE lasting only a few minutes.

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AMERICO AMADIO
Lincolnshire
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Records of the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police
Department, reflect that [REDACTED]

Chicago T-18 advised that DOC AMADIO, a former operator of Calumet City strip joints has applied for a loan in the amount of \$100,000 from the Chatham Bank of Chicago. Part of the money will be used to pay off the balance owing on 100 vending machines dispensing sandwiches in taverns in Chicago Heights, Calumet City, and Hammond, Indiana. As collateral for this loan, he will furnish his equity in a land contract. The real estate involved is a hotel called the "Amberlight" at Union City, Indiana. [REDACTED] sold their beneficial interest to the Rowe Company which is controlled by AMADIO and one [REDACTED]. AMADIO claims that he can also obtain an option on 200 building lots near Tinley Park, Illinois, and would like to get into the general construction business. He claims that he has talked to the Tinley Park Savings and Loan Association with commitments on a package home mortgage in the amount of \$17,500 with a \$300 down payment. AMADIO advised Chicago T-13 that he was reluctant to submit any financial statement to the bank because Calumet City is full of "G Men" and he is afraid that a financial statement would fall into the hands of the "tax people".

On March 17, 1962, Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that vice raids were conducted at the Follies Berquere Club, 100 State Street, and the Club

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Southern, 112 State Street. Chief stated that LA PORTE owned both of these operations and that 73 people were arrested.

On March 22, 1962, Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that PHIL BACINO appeared to be the mystery man of the syndicate and attempted to appear as a legitimate businessman who recently has been interceding for hoodlums who own the strip joints on State Street. They are attempting to obtain liquor licenses so that they could reopen. It is the Chief's opinion that BACINO is quite powerful in his own right and not subservient to LA PORTE. He is by far the most polished and well spoken of all individuals who are familiar to the State Street scene. Chief advised that the State Line Lunch at 19 State Street is the best known hangout for hoodlums and that a great many of his police officers eat at this restaurant without paying for their meals. The tab is usually picked up by some hoodlum at the restaurant. He stated that he feels he has only three police officers that he could trust to do any police work against any operation which is controlled by the syndicate. Of the five remaining clubs opened on State Street, two will be refused liquor licenses and the mayor has called the remaining three operators in an effort to get them to voluntarily cease strip shows and change their type of entertainment to a more respectable area.

VITO MARZULLO
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago T-19 advised on April 18, 1962, that CARL RELI formerly Chief of Police, Markham, Illinois, was in the company of FRANK LA PORTE and Alderman VITO MARZULLO in Chicago, on April 16, 1962. The informant stated that LA PORTE is a close associate and friend of MARZULLO and RELI. MARZULLO at one time had RELI make a trip to California to contact LA PORTE for him. On another occasion he had one [redacted] (PH) of Chicago Heights, make a trip to St. Louis to contact LA PORTE. The informant stated that LA PORTE was in California at the

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time of his wife's attempted suicide and that the subject allegedly stayed at St. Louis for a two month period. The informant stated that MARZULLO is the Democratic whip for Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY of Chicago. MARZULLO travels to Springfield where he does considerable lobbying for the Chicago interests in the State Congress. He is a close personal friend and associate of PAT ROMANO and one UZINO both of whom are Illinois State Congressmen. When in Springfield, MARZULLO spends considerable time with these two individuals. They frequent the supper club of which MARZULLO is alleged to be part owner. The informant further advised that when LA PORTE is in Chicago, he is in regular contact with Alderman MARZULLO and based upon information available to him he is of the opinion that LA PORTE is now living somewhere in the Chicago area.

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AL ROSETTA
10055 St. Lawrence
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago T-8 advised that when LA PORTE left Stockton, California on February 9, 1962 he was accompanied by two individuals, one of whom was named AL ROSETTA.

ROSETTA travelled on the San Francisco Chief to Chicago, Illinois. LA PORTE and another associate named LOU FRANZE departed at Joliet, Illinois. In Chicago, ROSETTA was met by two unknown male individuals and a blond woman who the informant assumed was his wife. During the cross-country trip ROSETTA appeared to be very friendly with LA PORTE and he and others played Gin Rummy in LA PORTE's compartment during the majority of the trip.

[redacted] General Manager, Roseland Buick Company, 104th and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 30, 1960 that AL ROSETTA purchased a 1962 Buick from his company. It was purchased in the name of [redacted] 10055 St. Lawrence, Chicago. He was of the opinion that this is the mother-in-law of AL ROSETTA, who he has heard as being a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE. He is not positive that ROSETTA resides with his mother-in-law and has heard that he probably resides at 104th and Calumet.

Chicago T-12 advised that AL ROSETTA is part of FRANK LA PORTE's syndicate organization and that he reportedly is in charge of the vending machines which supply contraceptives at various taverns and filling stations in South Cook County.

DOMINIC SESTO
72 Manchester
Chicago Heights, Illinois

On May 27, 1962, a 1962 Buick, bearing license NG 9351, observed in the driveway of 72 Manchester, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This automobile has previously been described as being one which the subject LA PORTE purchased and has driven on occasions. It is further believed that this is the automobile which LA PORTE was observed in Joliet, Illinois in May, 1962. This also is registered to the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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72 Manchester is the residence of DOMINIC SESTO, owner of the Model Finance Company, which has offices throughout South Cook County including Chicago Heights and Calumet City, Illinois.

"The Chicago Heights Star", a biweekly newspaper, in their June 3, 1962 edition reflects that DOMINIC SESTO is President of the Chicago Heights Park District. [redacted]

[redacted] Manchester and Grosvenor Place, Chicago, Heights, advised that SESTO is a close associate of the LA PORTE syndicate operation and he has heard that SESTO's Model Finance Company handled the financing of some of LA PORTE's employees and other hoodlums.

DOMINIC SESTO was interviewed on June 12, 1962 at the Model Finance Company, Lansing, Illinois and advised he is the vice-president of the company which is owned by two individuals from Michigan. He was an employee of the Kroger Company until a few years ago when he was given a job by the Finance Company and as through the years worked his way up to a vice-presidency. Regarding the 1962 Buick with License NG 3951 he stated he did not definitely recall the automobile being at his home, however, it was very probable that his first cousin [redacted] was driving the car. He advised that [redacted] is an employee of the Cooperative Music Company and would be the logical person to have the automobile. He further advised that he is relative of [redacted] who is also an employee of the Cooperative Music Company. His relationship with these individuals result from the fact that his mother's maiden name is [redacted] and is also a first cousin of [redacted]. He advised he has read newspaper accounts of the fact that FRANK LA PORTE is a criminal and hoodlum, however, he had no personal knowledge of any illegal activities on the part of LA PORTE or the Cooperative Music Company. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information regarding [redacted]. He stated he made it a practice of not asking other people their business association. SESTO repeatedly denied that he had any personal or business association with LA PORTE or any of his brothers-in-law or associates.

JOSEPH JACK MAY
110 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that [] is the operator of the Follies Bergere on State Street in Calumet City. He stated that [] is the front for FRANK LA PORTE, who actually owns the club. [] was also instrumental in the operation of the Club Southern until its closing recently.

[] was being sought by the United States Senate Subcommittee and he surrendered himself to the United States Marshal in Chicago, Illinois and subsequently testified for the above committee. He furnished no pertinent information and invoked the fifth amendment on numerous occasions.

Chicago T-13 advised that following [] return from Washington he was in conversation with FRANK LUZI and the two of them were bragging about how they confused the Senate Committee and did not give them any information.

[]
Flossmore, Illinois

Chicago T-13 advised that [] is an "old time madam" who formerly operated several houses of prostitution in the Chicago Heights-Calumet City area. She presently resides Flossmore, Illinois and is reported to operate a rest home for Calumet city prostitutes in the Steger or Crete area. Informant stated that [] formerly operated the Rose Bowl near Thornton, Illinois and the High Hat Club near Glenwood, Illinois. The informant has heard that she is a close friend of FRANK LA PORTE and that during the time she was operating he supplied her with protection from police and other hoodlums.

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Chicago T-5 advised that FRANK LA PORTE has a close social acquaintance with an individual named []. Informant stated that in December, 1961, [] was residing in Miami Beach, Florida. She is formerly from Chicago and LA PORTE has been dating her for the past eight or nine months. Informant heard that this individual was trying to get in touch with LA PORTE in order to obtain support money. Informant stated further that LA PORTE was supposed to take [] to California but he does not know if the trip was ever made. Informant stated further that [] is a very dumb person but was an attractive woman. He could furnish no additional information regarding her present whereabouts.

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Joliet, Illinois

Chicago T-3 advised that [redacted] (LNU) who resides in Joliet, Illinois, is a paramour of subject FRANK LA PORTE. [redacted] is employed by heating contractor and resides in a small apartment over the company's business address. The business is located in a quiet residential section of Joliet. LA PORTE has travelled from Joliet to Chicago with [redacted] on at least three occasions and has indicated to the informant that he is very fond of her. Informant has been introduced to [redacted] and described her as a blond attractive female, approximately 30 years old and one who has done amateur dramatics for a Joliet playhouse group and her last production was called Seven Nuns in Las Vegas.

Investigation established that [redacted] is employed by the R and O Heating Company at Douglas and Wilcox Street, Joliet, Illinois. This is located in a residential section and she maintains a small apartment above the company's business. She recently portrayed the part of a nun in a recent Joliet production. Observation reflects that she is approximately 28 years old. A physical surveillance of [redacted] and her activities reflects that ARMOND D'ANDREA's (close associate of LA PORTE) 1962 Cadillac has been parked in front of [redacted] home on at least two occasions during the early morning hours. An anonymous source advised that a visit to [redacted] apartment by the informant indicates that she is in telephonic contact with the Cooperative Music Company of Chicago Heights and the D'ANDREA Construction Company of Joliet.

On June 16, 1962, [redacted] was interviewed and denied all knowledge of FRANK LA PORTE or of ever having heard his name. She later admitted that she may have met LA PORTE and FRANK LUZI, subject's nephew at the Cloister Inn in Joliet. Their conversation lasted no more than five minutes and she has not heard or seen him since that time. She stated that an individual named [redacted] who is employed by the D'ANDREA Construction Company has visited with her on occasions and that it is possible that she was driving D'ANDREA's Cadillac. She also advised that this same individual would obtain phonograph records for her from the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. She admitted a close acquaintanceship with [redacted] but stated she had never heard him speak of LA PORTE. She consistently denied that she has ever been in LA PORTE's company or travelled with him to Chicago or elsewhere.

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[redacted] advised that she was born and raised in Clarksberg, Virginia and admitted that she had been confined to the West Virginia Industrial School for Girls, because of a disrupted family life. The provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, were explained to [redacted] and she advised that she had nothing else to say regarding this matter.

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V. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

According to numerous sources who have been contacted in the past it would appear that FRANK LA PORTE is generally recognized to control all organized prostitution, gambling and other illegal activities in South Cook County, Will County and Kankakee County in Northern, Illinois. It would also appear that he is strongly entrenched in the operation of gambling, prostitution and other illegal activities in various parts of Lake County, Indiana, this includes the industrial section of Gary and Hammond, Indiana. His influence appears to have been derived from his family connection and his close association with other individuals who immigrated from Sicily at the turn of the century.

The area controlled by LA PORTE includes the following larger cities, which is generally considered to constitute the south suburban area of Chicago. The area is primarily an industrial and manufacturing network with numerous large steel mills and other heavy industry, centering on Lake Michigan and the Calumet Harbor Seaport Area.

<u>City</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Active Control</u>
Blue Island, Ill.	25,000	BABE TUFFINELLO
Chicago Heights, Illinois	40,000	FRANK LA PORTE
Calumet City, Illinois	20,000	JOE GUZZINO
Calumet Park, Illinois	10,000	GEORGE TUFFINELLO
Joliet, Illinois	70,000	FRANCIS CURRY
Hammond, Indiana	150,000	FRANK CEASE
Gary, Indiana	60,000	"
Burnham, Illinois	10,000	RUDOLPH CAMPAGNA
Kankakee, Illinois	20,000	LARRY COSTELLO

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In addition to the cities listed there are numerous smaller villages and rural areas which have considerable gambling operations from time to time. The total population of the area believed controlled by the subject has been estimated at 2,000,000. It should be noted that some of the villages and cities in this area have outstanding village governments which have avoided all attempts by organized crime to infiltrate and corrupt their officials. Other cities, after years of control by organized crime figures, are now fighting to destroy its influence. A prime example is Calumet City, Illinois. For many years fifteen or more striptease night clubs have operated in open defiance of the laws of Illinois. Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, former Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, was recently elected and appointed CASMIR LINKIEWICZ Chief of Police. In less than one year all but one of the notorious night clubs have been closed.

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VI. UNITED STATES SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

By communication dated May 4, 1962, the Director, FBI advised that in connection with a series of hearings scheduled for early June, 1962 Senator JOHN L. MC CLELLAN, Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation, has requested the FBI to provide him with information as to the present whereabouts of six individuals connected with night clubs and related operations in order that they may be promptly subpoenaed for appearance before subcommittee. These persons are as follows:

FRANK LA PORTE
Chicago Heights, Illinois

THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ
Flossmore, Illinois

JOSEPH JACK MAY, JR.
Calumet City, Illinois

JAMES ROSS
Flossmore, Illinois

ANTHONY FRANZE
Chicago Heights, Illinois

SAMUEL A. HOLZMAN

[redacted] Committee Investigator, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 14, 1962 that he is the only member of the committee remaining in Chicago and that arrangements have been made in Washington to have four deputy United State Marshals in Chicago handle the serving of the committee's subpoenas. [redacted] further stated that in a recent conference with [redacted] United States Marshal, Chicago, it was agreed that the four deputy United States Marshals will be given a sealed envelope containing the name of one of the above persons to be subpoenaed. This deputy will not know the identity of the person named in the subpoena but will remain on a 24 hour standby to receive a telephone call that the person is located, will proceed to the location he is directed to, at which time he will remove the seal and serve the subpoena indicated thereon.

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On May 17, 1962, ANTHONY FRANZE was observed driving on Chicago Road in Chicago Heights, Illinois. The automobile he was riding in was registered to [redacted] Flossmore, Illinois. United States Deputy Marshal [redacted] was contacted and upon his arrival he served subpoena to ANTHONY FRANZE at the Olympia Plaza Shopping Center in Chicago Heights, Illinois. At the time he was served with the subpoena he refused to make any comment regarding the identity or whereabouts of other individuals being sought for subpoena.

Chicago T-12 advised that SAMUEL HOLZMAN was traveling with a carnival in Pine City, Kentucky. By communication dated May 11, 1962 Director, FBI advised that the Pittsburgh FBI Office located HOLZMAN residing at the Snyder Hotel 611 7th Street, Moundsville, West Virginia. He expects to remain there until the end of June. The committee was advised of HOLZMAN's location.

On May 22, 1962, JOSEPH JACK MAY, Jr. called the Chicago Office of the FBI and advised that he was willing to accept service of a United States Senate subpoena because he could not stand all the "heat" the FBI was putting on him. MAY was advised to contact the United States Marshal in Chicago, who was the individual who would have any subpoena outstanding for him.

On May 23, 1962, [redacted] Committee Investigator, advised that JOSEPH MAY had appeared at the United States Marshal's Office on that date but that office had been unable to locate the subpoena. MAY agreed to wait at the office until the subpoena could be located. [redacted] advised that he stopped at the United States Marshal's Office and when told of MAY's presence he served him with the subpoena.

On June 8, 1962, [redacted] again advised that [redacted] Chief Investigator for the Senate Subcommittee stated that efforts to locate BARTUSIEWICZ and ROSS should be discontinued as their investigation indicated that they would not be called before the committee to testify. He gave the reason that their investigation could not tie either of them in to the American Guild of Variety Artists.

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By communication dated January 25, 1962, Director, FBI, advised that FRANK LA PORTE was a key witness in connection with the proposed hearings of the McClellan Committee who have requested his location in order that he could be served with a committee subpoena. Chicago T-5 advised on January 8, and January 30, 1962, that he had recently been in contact with Miami, Florida, and learned that FRANK LA PORTE was presently residing in one of the cabins located behind Brooks Restaurant at 163rd & Collins Avenue. The individual who told him of this was named [redacted] who used to be associated with the gambling operation at the J & J Picnic Grove in Will County, Illinois.

By communication dated January 29, 1962, the San Francisco FBI Office advised that the subject on January 29, 1962, was at the home of his sister in Linden, California. San Francisco further advised that the United States Marshal in Sacramento, California, had been told of LA PORTE'S location. The Marshal advised that his subpoena had been returned to Chicago and, therefore, he could not serve the subject at his sister's home. The Marshal further advised that even if he had a subpoena and if the subject did not answer the door or his sister would not admit that he was in the house, he, the Marshal, could not use force to serve the subpoena. On February 6, 1962, [redacted] Committee Investigator, advised that he had received information that the subject was presently residing at the J. B. Resort, Spottsville, Kentucky. Previous investigation by the Chicago Office has established that the J. B. Resort is owned by one JOSEPH BARRETT, a former Chicago Heights hoodlum, who is known to have associated with the subject. The Louisville Office advised that the J. B. Resort consists of ten cabins in a remote section of Henderson County, Kentucky, and that pretext inquiry and examination of the grounds at the resort reflect the cabins are not available for renting during the winter season. The only exception is a year-round cabin occupied by a local family. JOSEPH BARRETT and his wife reside in a house located on the premises. No unidentified cars or individuals were observed at the resort. The interview of BARRETT is reported under the heading of Associates in this report.

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By communication dated February 13, 1962, the San Francisco Office advised that intensive investigation was being conducted in an effort to relocate LA PORTE in the area

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of Linden, California. He advised that two Special Agents and a Deputy United States Marshal with a subpoena have been in the Sierra Nevada Mountains since February 12, 1962, attempting to locate the subject. They further indicated that the possible use of low flying Army aircraft to spot the subject's car at the remote cabin near the New Ford Mine (owned by LA PORTE) was contemplated.

CG T-8 advised that on February 9, 1962, the subject boarded the Sante Fe Railroad, San Francisco Chief, at Stockton, California, at 11:00 a.m. Two individuals were with the subject and the three of them identified themselves to the informant as FRANK LA PORTE, LOU FRANZE, and AL ROSETTI. On February 11, 1962, LA PORTE and FRANZE disembarked from the train at Joliet, Illinois. They were met by a man driving a late model black Cadillac. ROSETTI remained on the train and continued to travel to the main station in Chicago. He was met by a blonde woman who appeared to be his wife and two other men. On March 6, 1962, Officers of the Organized Crime Detail, Chicago Police Department, advised they had just received a telephone call from [redacted] Chief Investigator, Nevada Gaming Board, who advised that the subject had been observed in Carson City, Nevada, on March 4, 1962.

By communication dated March 6, 1962, the Las Vegas FBI Office advised that an individual who might be identical with the subject was observed at the Coffee Shop of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, by W. LLOYD BELL, Nevada Gaming Control Board, on the night of February 28. They advised that the individual who might be identical with the subject was with an individual who might be ANTHONY ACCARDO, JR., of Chicago. [redacted] Chief Investigator, Nevada Control Board, advised he had not informed the Chicago Police Department that the subject had been observed in Carson City, Nevada, but stated that he had called the Chicago Police in order to obtain a photograph of the subject. LA FRANZE stated that to his knowledge the subject has never been observed in Carson City, Nevada.

On May 5, 1962, during a physical surveillance of the residence of FRANCIS CURRY, 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, CURRY and another individual, who strongly

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resembled the description of FRANK LA PORTE, entered a 1962 Buick, bearing 1962 Illinois license NG 9351, registered to the Cooperative Music Company. No United States Marshal or Committee Investigator was available and the physical surveillance could not be maintained.

Numerous telephone calls were made from the residence of the subject to telephone SARATOGA 2-2679. The 1960 and 1961 Polk City Directory for Joliet indicates this number is listed to [REDACTED]. It was subsequently determined that the above telephone number is actually an unlisted telephone number for the residence of FRANCIS CURRY, 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois.

The following automobiles were observed at CURRY'S residence on repeated occasions:

EH 4367 listed to [REDACTED] Chicago Heights, Illinois. [REDACTED] is an employee of Cooperative Music).

KJ 6041 listed to [REDACTED] Joliet, Illinois.

On June 8, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that on several occasions he had been instructed by [REDACTED] who is an electrician for the Automatic Coin Company, 2 North Des Plaines, Joliet, Illinois, to drive [REDACTED] to and from St. Joseph School where she is employed as a school teacher. [REDACTED] is the daughter of FRANCIS CURRY.

He advised that he is a coin machine repairman working with [REDACTED] in and around Will County, Illinois. He advised he knows of FRANK LA PORTE and has seen him on the streets of Chicago Heights, Illinois, but has never seen him in Joliet, Illinois. He advised he has not seen LA PORTE on the street for at least several months and that he has no idea as to his whereabouts. He advised he does not know LA PORTE and knows him only to see him. He advised that about the only place to find out where LA PORTE might be would be to

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contact Cooperative Music in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] Joliet, Illinois, advised that he is a repairman with [redacted] and [redacted] with Automatic Coin Machine Company, with offices in the Shepley Garage, 2 North Des Plaines Street, Joliet, Illinois. He advised that he, in addition, is an "errand boy" for Mrs. FRANCIS CURRY, doing many of her errands and shopping for her. He advised he frequents the CURRY residence several times a week doing chores and errands for her. He advised, however, that he very seldom actually goes into any of the rooms of the CURRY residence other than the kitchen where Mrs. CURRY meets him and instructs him as to the errands for groceries or shopping she wants. He advised that he has heard of FRANK LA PORTE, but does not know him on sight. He advised he has never seen anyone by description of LA PORTE at or near the CURRY residence. He advised he had no knowledge whatsoever as to the location of LA PORTE. He advised he does not know whether any member of the CURRY family would know the whereabouts of LA PORTE.

[redacted] advised that during the months of November and December of 1961 his wife was stricken with a serious heart attack, diabetes, and glandular disturbances and was taken to the Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Illinois. He advised she is in her late sixties and is a very sick woman and specifically requested that she not be contacted due to her heart condition. He stated he himself was stricken with a heart attack during November of 1961 when he was in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, for several weeks and subsequently transferred to Silver Cross Hospital with his wife. He advised that he did not know ROSS or BARTUSIEWISZ or LA PORTE. He advised he could not speak for his wife's entire relation relative to any relationship with the above individuals, but to his knowledge, he did not know her to be related to any of them. He had no knowledge of any calls from any of the above to either himself or to his wife while they were in the hospital or at their residence.

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[redacted] Joliet, Illinois, on June 8, 1962, advised he is an electrician and repairman for Automatic Coin Company with offices in the Shepley Garage, 2 North Des Plaines Street, Joliet, Illinois. He advised he occasionally does chores and runs errands for FRANCIS CURRY and his wife. He advised he has not seen FRANCIS CURRY for several months and has not seen FRANK LA PORTE for more than eight months when he saw him one day in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised he knows LA PORTE only on sight and has never seen him at or near the CURRY residence. He advised he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning the possible whereabouts of LA PORTE. He advised that he does not know whether any member of the CURRY family would have any knowledge of the whereabouts of LA PORTE.

[redacted] Joliet, Illinois, (protect identity), on May 29, 1962, advised that he would check the records of the above hospital pertaining to any patient having been admitted since 1920 under the name of FRANK LA PORTE and his known aliases. He advised he would also contact the Personnel Manager at the Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, relative to the above name and would advise concerning the results. On May 31, 1962, [redacted] advised that upon a search of the records at both St. Joseph Hospital and at Silver Cross Hospital, no record could be located for LA PORTE or his known aliases.

[redacted] Joliet, Illinois, who lives directly across the street on the same side of the street from FRANCIS CURRY, who resides at 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, on May 28, 1962, advised that he knows FRANCIS CURRY on sight but has not seen him in town for a considerable time. He advised he would attempt to keep track of CURRY'S movements and advise if he saw anything of an unusual nature occurring at CURRY'S residence. He was informed concerning the description of FRANK LA PORTE, ROSS, and BARTUSIEWICZ. He advised he has never seen anyone fitting the descriptions of the individuals at CURRY'S residence but that he would be alert for

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anyone fitting the descriptions of the above individuals stopping at or entering CURRY'S residence.

[redacted] Manager of the Woodruff Hotel, 26 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, and [redacted] Manager of the Louis Joliet Hotel, 22 East Clinton Street, as well as the Joliet Inn Motel, located on the Northwest edge of the city of Joliet, Illinois, on May 1 and May 23 of 1962 and June 8, 1962, were contacted relative to LA PORTE, ROSS, and BARTUSIEWICZ and furnished their names and descriptions. They advised no one by the above names or aliases or fitting their descriptions had resided at the above hotels or motel. It is to be noted that the Louis Joliet Hotel is the only first class hotel in the area of Joliet, Illinois, and the Woodruff Hotel is a second class hotel. They advised that in the event anyone fitting the descriptions of the above individuals, especially LA PORTE, should reside at the above places, they would immediately notify the FBI.

Fisurs and continual spot checks were made on the following addresses and establishments for any pertinent information relative to the location of LA PORTE with negative results:

Al's Steak House, Route 52 and Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois.

516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois. (residence for FRANCIS CURRY.)

700 Douglas, Joliet, Illinois. (residence for [redacted])

1323 North Raynor, Joliet, Illinois. (business establishment for Wilco Tobacco and Music Company of Will County, which home office is at Cooperative Music, 1728 South Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois).

811 Richards Street, Joliet, Illinois. (residence for ARMOND D'ANDREA).

509 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois. (the Cloister Lounge).

D'Amico's Restaurant, Route 52, W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois, (a known place where CURRY at times has meals when he is in town).

D'Amico's 214 Restaurant, 214 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois. (popular restaurant in downtown area of Joliet, Illinois).

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Essie's Lounge, 926 Gardner, Joliet, Illinois,
(popular night club).

Cap'n Al's Lounge, Rockdale, Illinois, (popular
lounge where [redacted] frequently visits).

2 North Des Plaines Street, Joliet, Illinois,
(Shepley's Garage where CURRY many years ago stored his
slot machines).

75 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois,
(Sheridan Restaurant where Wilco and Cooperative machine
repairmen are known to have lunch from time to time).

Hotel Louis Joliet, 22 East Clinton Street,
Joliet, Illinois.

Woodruff Hotel, 26 East Jefferson Street, Joliet,
Illinois.

All public parking lots in the area of Joliet,
Illinois.

All motel and hotel parking lots and areas in
the area of Joliet, Illinois.

All popular night clubs, taverns, and bars in
the area of Joliet, Illinois.

The following logical motels were contacted on
May 29, 1962 and June 8, 1962, relative to LA PORTE with
negative results. The motels listed below are in the area
of Joliet, Illinois:

Lakeview Motel, Route 30, [redacted] Manager.

Bel Air Motel, 1103 Plainfield Road, [redacted]

[redacted] Manager.

LeBars Motel, 928 Plainfield Road, [redacted]

Manager.

Towne House Motel, 832 Plainfield Road, [redacted]

[redacted] Manager.

Joliet Inn, Route 30, [redacted] Manager.

Fentons Motel, 2303 West Jefferson, [redacted]

Manager.

The following police officers in the area of
Joliet, Illinois, were informed relative to the description
of LA PORTE and continual liaison was kept with them for

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any information with negative results:

Capt. [redacted] NA, Police Department, Joliet, Illinois.
Capt. [redacted] NA, Police Department, Joliet, Illinois.
Capt. [redacted] NA, Police Department, Joliet, Illinois.
Cpl. [redacted] Illinois State Police, Dist. #5, Joliet, Illinois.
Cpl. [redacted] Illinois State Police, Dist. #5, Joliet, Illinois.
Capt. [redacted] NA, Dist. 4 & 5 Commander, Joliet, Illinois.
Sgt. [redacted] Special Investigations, Illinois State Police, Dist. #5, Joliet, Illinois.
Detective [redacted] Police Department, Joliet, Illinois.
Officer [redacted] Police Department, Joliet, Illinois.

Chicago T-3 advised on April 26, 1962, that [redacted] has been a close friend of the paramour of FRANK LUZI, the nephew of FRANK LA PORTE. He stated that recently trouble has developed between the two of them and that the girl blames LA PORTE for the trouble. The informant stated that he was advised that on April 10, 1962, LA PORTE, LUZI, and LUZI'S girl friend drove to Joliet, Illinois, to meet LA PORTE'S "date". LA PORTE supposedly meets this girl at least once every two weeks, but not on any regular schedule. The informant furnished a description and a partial location of the girl's residence. The informant further advised that LA PORTE often frequents [redacted] restaurant in Calumet City, and has recently traveled to California to a town called Linden. LA PORTE has a cabin at Lake Tahoe which LUZI and his paramour visited during the winter of 1961. The informant stated that LA PORTE meets with [redacted] in a Clark Gasoline Station in Calumet City. The informant is of the opinion that LA PORTE controls all gambling and prostitution in the Calumet City, Chicago Heights, and Joliet areas.

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AUTOMOBILES USED BY SUBJECT

The following list of automobiles are owned by close associates of the subject and investigation has disclosed that in the past the subject has used these cars or been chauffeured by their owners:

<u>LICENSE</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>MODEL</u>
905-404	FRANK LUZI	1962 Bronze Buick
DL 1718	FRANK LUZI	1962 Rose Buick
996-172	ALFRED PILOTTO	1962 Black Oldsmobile
944-488	DOMINICK PALERMO	1962 Bronze Oldsmobile
HC 1128	THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ	1962 Bronze Buick
HA 4852	JAMES ROSS	1962 White Pontiac
968-419	JOSEPH GUZZINO	1962 Black Cadillac
HY 6304	JOSEPH GUZZINO	1962 Green Oldsmobile
EJ 7137	[REDACTED]	1962 Black Buick
HF 5817	[REDACTED]	1962 White Buick
974-637	FRANK FRANZE	1959 Red & White Pontiac
	FRANK FRANZE	1962 White Conv. Pontiac
HR 6750	ROGER FRANZE	1962 White Conv. Buick
	[REDACTED]	1962 Purple Buick
905-402	ALFRED ROSETTI	1962 Brown Buick
FLA.	FRANCIS CURRY	1962 White Conv. Cadillac
	FRANCIS CURRY	1962 Brown Buick
911-502	ANTHONY FRANZE	1960 Conv. Pontiac
	ANTHONY FRANZE	1962 Oldsmobile
962-050	[REDACTED]	1962 Green Cadillac
DG 8372	ARMOND D'ANDREA	1962 Cadillac
BT 3379	[REDACTED]	1962 Oldsmobile
NH 7922	[REDACTED]	1962 Fawn Buick

On June 4, 1962, [REDACTED] General Manager, Roseland Buick Company, 10432 South Michigan, Chicago, advised they have sold cars to the following individuals they consider to be connected with the "syndicate":

FRANK LUZI, [REDACTED] described as a Bondsman for the F & L Bonding Company, and a former Deputy Sheriff stationed at the Homewood, Illinois, barracks. He

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stated he has also sold ARMOND D'ANDREA a 1962 Buick Station Wagon. He described D'ANDREA as a relative of FRANK LUZI who owns a Construction Company in Joliet, Illinois. He stated that AL ROSETTI, who has purchased a car, is the son-in-law of [redacted] who resides at [redacted]

[redacted] stated that during the early part of May, 1962, FRANK LUZI called him and wanted to borrow a car for a five-day period. [redacted] refused so LUZI stated that he would obtain a car from the Jack Brown Buick Company in Chicago Heights. [redacted] said he later heard from an unrecalled source that LUZI did get a car from Jack Brown Buick and took it to Florida where he wrecked it. LUZI also made general conversation of a non-specific nature indicating that LA PORTE was in Florida at the same time JOE KENNEDY had his heart attack. LUZI also mentioned that there had been some kind of trouble involving LA PORTE during a train trip. [redacted] stated he would remain alert for any information regarding the subject or his activities and immediately notify the FBI.

On June 6, 1962, [redacted] Owner, Jack Brown Buick Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that he previously had sold automobiles to FRANK LA PORTE and many of his associates. He stated that recently LA PORTE and LUZI had not been happy with the "deals" they had been getting at his company and they have begun buying them at the Roseland Buick Company in Chicago. BROWN admitted that he had recently loaned a car to FRANK LUZI for approximately a week's time. He denied that LUZI wrecked the automobile and that when he had returned it the mileage indicated he could not possibly have driven it to Florida and back. BROWN was unable to furnish any additional information regarding LA PORTE, his associates, or his business activities.

On June 8, 1962, [redacted] Owner, Heights Motors, 1300 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has in the past sold Pontiac cars to FRANK LA PORTE, TONY and FRANK FRANZE, and individuals employed at the Cooperative Music Company. He denied that he has ever sold cars to the "strippers" of Calumet City who did not have

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good credit ratings. He admitted that he has sold several cars to various operators of the "Strip Joints" in Calumet City. He stated that the reason he was able to sell these cars to the above individuals was because he had given LA PORTE a good deal on his cars and in turn LA PORTE had recommended his agency to the others. Approximately one year ago LA PORTE got mad at him because he wouldn't loan a car to him and since that time LA PORTE and the others are buying their cars from either Jack Brown Buick or Rose-land Buick. He described LA PORTE as always conducting himself in a gentlemanly fashion and one who drives a hard bargain. He stated that in his opinion LA PORTE was a very crafty individual who did not impress him as being well educated. He denied that LA PORTE owned any part of his business or that LA PORTE had ever attempted to "muscle" into his business.

[redacted] on June 8, 1962, advised that she assists her husband in the operation of Heights Motors. She is personally acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE and stated that she does not like him because of his reputation as a hoodlum. She stated that on occasion LA PORTE has indirectly intimidated both her and her husband and recall one specific incident regarding the leasing of a car for one month. They attempted to charge LA PORTE \$300 for the lease and LA PORTE got mad and indicated he would cause them trouble. [redacted] stated that she has her hair styled at Adolphs in Homewood and that a relative of [redacted] is employed as a hairdresser. She has overheard this girl talking about her uncle, FRANK LA PORTE. [redacted] stated that she would attempt to engage this individual in conversation and if she learned anything pertinent to his present whereabouts, she would immediately contact the Chicago FBI.

By communication dated May 18, 1962, the Springfield Office furnished the following information:

[redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised

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on May 15, 1962, that driver's license #B632-8001-1005 was issued January 11, 1961, to THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ, 1716 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. This license expires January 3, 1965, and describes him as 5'11", 175 pounds, DOB 1/5/11, gray hair and green eyes.

[redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on May 15, 1962, that chauffeur's license #F652-0151-1256 was issued August 18, 1961, to ANTHONY PETER FRANZE, 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, Illinois. This license expires September 2, 1962, and describes him as 5'9", 198 pounds, DOB 9/18/11, black hair and brown eyes. The application for this chauffeur's license reflects he is employed at Courtesy Cleaners, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on May 15, 1962, that a check of records failed to reflect any driver's or chauffeur's license issued to FRANK LA PORTE or FRANK LIPPARATE with an address of 1713 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. However, her records reflect the following driver's license issued to an individual who might be identical with above mentioned FRANK LA PORTE:

Driver's license #L163-2600-1287, issued December 27, 1960, expires October 8, 1964, to FRANK LA PORTE, 1728 Halstead, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This license describes him as 5'7", 190 pounds, DOB 10/8/01, brown hair, brown eyes.

[redacted] Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on May 15, 1962, that a check of records for 1961 and 1962 reflected the following registration and title information for cars registered or titled to FRANK LA PORTE, ANTHONY FRANZE, THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ, Cooperative Music and Wilco Music and Tobacco Company:

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1962 Illinois License 911-502 issued December 5, 1961, to ANTHONY FRANZE, 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, Illinois, for 1961 Pontiac Sport Coupe, VIN 561P7152, which was purchased new March 29, 1961, from Heights Motors, Inc., 1333 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Certificate of Title 561P7152 was issued March 17, 1961, to FRANZE with a lien of \$1809.18, in favor of GMAC, 201 North Ottawa, Joliet, Illinois. Records reflect that this vehicle is registered and titled to DONALD J. and/or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Joliet, Illinois.

1961 Illinois License 915-362 issued December 2, 1960, to ANTHONY FRANZE, 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, Illinois, for 1960 Pontiac Convertible, VIN 860P-25240, which was purchased new May 31, 1960, from Heights Motors, Inc., 1333 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Certificate of Title 860P-25240 was issued to FRANZE with lien of \$768.00 in favor of Heights Finance, 1333 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and has not been surrendered to date.

1962 Illinois License HC-1128 issued January 17, 1962, to THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ, 1716 Cambridge Avenue, Flossmoor, Illinois, for 1962 Buick, four door hardtop, VIN 411015754, which was purchased new October 31, 1961, from Roseland Buick Sales, 10432 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title 411015754, was issued November 15, 1961, to BARTUSIEWICZ with a lien of \$2158.38 in favor of First State Bank of Calumet City, Calumet City, Illinois.

1962 Illinois License 974-638 issued January 3, 1962, to Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for 1962 Buick, four door, VIN 811015678. The application for this license was signed by FRANK FRANZE and application reflects that above license was replaced

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with 1962 Illinois license NG 9351. This vehicle was purchased new November 3, 1961, from Jack Brown Buick, Incorporated, 1717 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Certificate of Title 811015678 was issued December 22, 1961, to Cooperative Music Company with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

1962 Illinois license HM 7922 was issued February 5, 1962, to Cooperative Music Company, 1717 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for 1961 Thunderbird Convertible, VIN 1Y73Z130926. This application was also signed by FRANK FRANZE. This vehicle was purchased new June 30, 1961, from Morton Motors, Inc., 3308 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title 1Y73Z130926 was issued July 21, 1961, to Cooperative Music Company with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

1962 Illinois license B245-001 was issued January 3, 1962, to Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for 1957 Chevrolet pickup truck, VIN 3E47F119338. Application for this license was signed by FRANK FRANZE and a check of records failed to reflect any purchase or title information regarding this vehicle.

1962 Illinois license B247060 issued January 19, 1962, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1323 Raynor Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, for 1962 GMC pickup truck, VIN 1002PJ9251A, which was purchased new January 10, 1962, from MIKE PETERMAN Olds Sales, Inc., Gary, Indiana. Certificate of Title 1002PJ9251A was issued January 29, 1962, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

1961 Illinois license KE3062 issued January 14, 1961, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 2 North Des Plaines, Joliet, Illinois, for 1961 Pontiac

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Tempest Station Wagon, VIN 161P25225 which was purchased new December 31, 1960, from Heights Motors, Inc., 1333 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The application for this license was signed by FRANK FRANZE and Certificate of Title 161P25225 was issued January 23, 1961, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

1962 Illinois License B246-434 issued January 17, 1962, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for 1960 Ford Courier truck, VIN OF69V104570, which was purchased new November 19, 1959, from Gies Ford Sales, Inc., 1245 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Certificate of Title OF69V104570 was issued December 4, 1959, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

1961 Illinois license B248-820 was issued February 3, 1961, to Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1728 Halstead Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for 1954 Ford Express truck, VIN F25V4G20144. Check of records failed to reflect any purchase or title information regarding this vehicle.

VII. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On March 11, 1958, [redacted] described the "syndicate" as a group of men, joined together in a group, highly organized, who have "muscle" their way into control of gambling and so forth. He stated that in the Calumet City and Chicago Heights area, the syndicate consisted of FRANK LA PORTE, AL PILOTTO, JOE GUZZINO, PETE ZARANTE and RALPH EMERY. This organization cooperates with the syndicate in Chicago, Detroit, and Springfield, Illinois. The other groups have no "jurisdiction" in Calumet City.

The "Chicago Daily News," a daily newspaper, dated June 20, 1959, contained an article captioned, "Grand Juries Talk, Cal City Sin Stays and Frankie La Porte, Crime Boss, Gets Rich." The article reads in part as follows:

"The loot was evil enough. Three grand juries are still considering it.

"Knock-out drops, pornographic pictures, black-jacks, guns and girls, all spewed out in a recent raid on Calumet City by state's attorney's police.

"But grand juries have clucked before. While sin has flourished fifty years in the suburb's strip dens.

"Prostitution is a \$3 million proposition in the buck-a-beer wiggle palaces.

"The current grand juries want to know: Who's getting rich?

"The answer: An obscure hoodlum who wraps himself in the splendor of \$200 suits.

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"It is quite possible none of the juries will get him. He had avoided always the scrapes that keep his gangland buddies in public print.

"He is Frankie La Porte, crime syndicate boss of Calumet City.

"Cal City police say so. So do the strippers.

"Despite the whispered notoriety, not a single law enforcement agency had snapped LA PORTE's picture. And there's no available record of an arrest, let alone a conviction.

"How has LA PORTE, gambler, vice-king and ex-bootlegger, escaped the spotlight?

"LA PORTE had fancy diggings in south suburban Flossmoor. His home appears to be in the \$50,000 class.

"LA PORTE did not come to the door when a daily newspaper reporter rang the bell. From a neat little group of homes occupied by LA PORTE's relatives on exclusive Cambridge Avenue, just east of Flossmoor Country Club, came a red-headed woman and a man across the street and shouted at the reporter.

"LA PORTE's home is garnished with clusters of floodlights bolted under the eaves.

"The lights are not for summertime cook-outs.

"You never know who's coming around", the angry neighbor volunteered to a reporter. 'I had a gun out last night. We heard noises.'"

"What does LA PORTE fear?

"An investigator said, 'You don't get to be gambling boss of southern Cook County without making enemies.'"

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"La Porte takes elaborate pains to conceal his holdings. He reportedly controls at least three Class A (open until 4 AM) strip houses on Calumet City's lurid State Street.

"These are the Follies Bergere, 21 Club and Show Club. Tax bill for the Follies is sent to Frank Franze at the Owl Club, a now defunct Cal City gambling joint in which La Porte had an interest.

"Franze is a brother-in-law of La Porte and lives in the tight little island of expensive hoodlum homes in Flossmoor.

"He is reportedly next to La Porte in power in southern Cook County.

"La Porte and his friend, Tony Accardo, syndicate chief, burst into print about four years ago in a tax battle with the government. La Porte owned 25% of the Owl Club.

"In 1955 Louis 'Little New York' Campagna died of a heart attack.

"La Porte was spot promoted over heads of several higher-ups to fill Campagna's shoes and became top aide to Accardo, his mentor and friend.

"But La Porte held onto his Calumet City honky-tonks where liquor and sin wreck the lives of hundreds of girls, but keep the bosses in Cadillacs and fancy tax brackets."

[redacted] was interviewed at the Cook County Jail. on January 21, 1960, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]. He advised that the "syndicate" man in Calumet City is FRANK LA PORTE and that he controls vice in that area. He stated that LA PORTE and his body guard made weekly visits to Ciro's to collect their "pay-offs." He recalled on one occasion while he was manager

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of Ciro's, LA PORTE came into the club and [redacted] the owner, told him to go to the safe and get \$85.00 plus an envelope which was in the safe and give both of these to LA PORTE. [redacted] later told him that he gave LA PORTE \$250.00 a week to operate.

CG T-14 advised SA [redacted] on February 13, 1958, that [redacted]

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CG T-20 advised on September 2, 1958, that the Owl Club in Calumet City had been closed down as a gambling spot. He said that the Four Aces at 204 State Street, was the big "syndicate" gambling spot at present. Informant pointed out that the 21 Club is partially owned by FRANK LA PORTE.

In February, 1958, FRANK LA PORTE, when interviewed regarding another matter, admitted part ownership of the Owl Club, Calumet City. He admitted to gambling activities in connection with this club.

Officer [redacted] who has a reputation for honesty in the Calumet City Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on an unknown date that the Owl Club was out of

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bounds for any member of the Calumet City Police Department. He stated that no officer would dare conduct a raid on this place on his own. He stated that these orders came directly from STANLEY BEJGER, Mayor of Calumet City. [redacted] in order to show the influence that the owners of the Owl Club have in Calumet City, advised that in March, 1958, a colored employee of the Club was showing his girl friend a gun in the Club, shot and killed her. He advised that FRANK LA PORTE, one of the owners, came to Calumet City and in a closed conference with Chief HENRY WLEKINSKI and Officer [redacted] the report was doctored up to show that the shooting occurred in the alley behind the Owl Club and not in the Club itself. The man doing the shooting was then charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits and was subsequently discharged in local court.

SA [redacted] learned that the Club handled over \$3,500,000 worth of bets in 1957 and that the Club continues to operate nightly, unmolested by local, county, or state officials.

The May, 1958, issue of "Male" Magazine, published in New York City, contained an article entitled "TONY STONE-FACE ACCARDO - Is He the New AL CAPONE?" The article states in part that ACCARDO "JOE BATTERS," has a bluebird on his hand, lives in a \$650,000 palace, always sends the biggest wreaths to gangland funerals. The article contains ACCARDO'S history and in part reads, TONY moved into Calumet City back in 1936 when he was only a medium-sized shot in the outfit. He bought an interest in a \$.50 bet handbook in a large store building. It cost him \$1,000 and a ROCKEFELLER or MORGAN never made a better investment. He and his partner, FRANK LA PORTE, had the place cleaned up and decorated. They put in roulette wheels, dice tables, and poker games. They called it the Owl Club because it never closes and it became a bonanza.

CG T-7 advised on January 23, 1959, that FRANK LA PORTE, part-owner of the Owl Club, was moving his operation to the Corral located at 12880 South Ashland Avenue, just

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outside Calumet Park, Illinois. The Corral was allegedly owned by BABE TUFFANELLI, reputed syndicate gambling boss of Blue Island and Calumet Park, Illinois. LA PORTE allegedly put \$40,000 into the Corral in remodeling the restaurant and has enlarged the back rooms for his gambling operation. Informant stated that JOHN LUZI, LA PORTE'S nephew, who operated the Tower Restaurant in Chicago Heights, hired all the Corral Restaurant's help and managed the setting up of the restaurant part of the building.

CG T-22 advised SA [] that FRANK LA PORTE'S illegal activities include a very large area and he reportedly gets a cut of the proceeds from the houses of prostitution at Momence and Kankakee, Illinois. This source stated that LA PORTE and his associates who include some of the top hoodlums from Chicago, reportedly meet at the Copa Cabana on Route 1, just north of Chicago Heights.

An anonymous source called the Chicago Office on September 26, 1959, complaining about the obscene movies that are being sold and shown at the Penny Arcade, 12 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. The source advised that LA PORTE is the boss and that the night spot owners take orders directly from him. He stated that TOOTS PALERMO was the "straw boss" under LA PORTE and that AL PILLOTTA and TONY FRANZE worked for LA PORTE in the Calumet City area. BABE TUFFANELLI runs things for LA PORTE in Blue Island and Calumet Park, Illinois.

CG T-21 on May 5, 1958, advised that she has been around Calumet City for the past 13 years and has worked on the street most of this time. She advised that most of the strip joints are controlled by the syndicate. The syndicate makes the rules for the places and they are actually enforced without question. She advised that FRANK LA PORTE is the head of the syndicate along with his son-in-law, TONY FRANZE, who is considered second in command. She further stated that the two individuals are not openly shown as being connected with any of the strip places on the street with the exception of the Fellies,

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which is actually managed by TONY FRANZE. She further stated that LA PORTE and FRANZE took a dim view on anyone who becomes involved in any Federal cases and that they usually make it "hot" for them.

CG T-11 advised in 1953 that FRANK LA PORTE and JAMES EMERY had previously operated a bookmaking place called the Big House located at 5 Plummer Street, Calumet City, and that whenever the heat was on they would move their operations to the Four Aces, the Ren-Da-Vou Tavern, or Turf Club, all located in Calumet City. According to this source, they did not have wire service but had a direct telephone line to Chicago Heights from which they would receive the results of the races. Informant stated that LA PORTE and EMERY have been suppressing this type of gambling since they are afraid of further investigation. Prior to this time, they would be in Calumet City all the time but lately they have not been seen around that locality.

Officer [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised in 1953, that LA PORTE operates and owns the Cooperative Music Store on Halsted Street, Chicago Heights. LA PORTE and JAMES EMERY are the men who operate the handbooks in the Chicago Heights, Steger, and Calumet City, Illinois areas.

On October 1, 1944, the following information was set forth regarding organized gangs and mobs in Chicago Heights:

It has been determined that at the present time there are no houses of prostitution, no slot machines, no gambling or bookie joints operating in the City of Chicago Heights. However, there exists in Chicago Heights a so-called syndicate which formerly controlled the operation of all these activities in and around the area. This organization is attempting to gain control of Calumet City to replace their activities which formerly took place in and around Chicago Heights. The syndicate was formerly controlled by one SAM COSTELLO of Chicago Heights; however, about six years ago, COSTELLO was murdered. Immediately

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after his death, JIMMY EMERY took over as its head. EMERY, whose real name is VINCENZO AMMERATO, is alleged to have formerly been a pimp and to have controlled several houses of prostitution as well as worked in the gambling racket before taking over the whole syndicate. The front for this group was FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago Heights; however, since the activities of this group have been curtailed, LA PORTE has entered the United States Navy, enlisting on October 27, 1942.

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CG T-23 advised that he had received information from sources which he considered to be reliable that a group of hoodlums were planning to move into the coin vending machine business in Lake County, Indiana. This group of hoodlums are from the Chicago area and that they maintain a small business located at 1313 West Sibley Boulevard, Calumet City, Illinois. One of the leading figures alleged to be backing this business venture is FRANK LA PORTE. Informant stated that for many years LA PORTE has been "the boss" of South Cook County's illegal activities.

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CG T-23 stated he has checked the building personnel at the above address on two or three occasions and has not noticed any significant activity. It was the informant's opinion that the group maintains a warehouse in another area and this address is merely a front to the operation. He pointed out that it is highly unlikely that any high scale coin vending machine business would be placed in Calumet City which is close to the Indiana-Illinois State Line unless plans were included to operate in Lake County, Indiana.

Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised that the Calumet Vending Company is located at 1313 West Sibley Boulevard, telephone TO 2-0191. He has received information that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Illinois State Police has his wife employed at this company. The owners of record are [redacted]. There is no record of a city license.

CG T-24 advised that the Acorn Club on West 34th Street in Steger, Illinois, has been closed. The owners were [redacted] both of Chicago Heights. This club is primarily a wire room horse parlor and a center for other gambling activity in Steger. Informant advised in May, 1962, that the Acorn Club had reopened and was operating three days a week. When the building which had been renovated was reopened, FRANK LA PORTE, [redacted] were observed discussing its operation.

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CG T-25 advised that he has known FRANK LA PORTE, DOMINICK (TOOTSIE) PALERMO, his brother WILLIE PALERMO, ANTHONY "TONY" ACCARDO and ALFRED PILLOTTO who he described as Chicago Heights hoodlums since the middle 1930's. TOOTSIE PALERMO, formerly operated the Black Steer Restaurant near the Chicago Stock Yards and came to Calumet City immediately after World War II. He was backed by FRANK LA PORTE. PALERMO, TONY FRANZE and others opened the Blue Bird Restaurant in Calumet City which was later remodeled to employ "strippers and B girls". Informant stated that in the past he was associated with the manager of the Playhouse Night Club, Calumet City, Illinois which was then owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that the Playhouse was a number one night club in Calumet City in the 1930's and that the proceeds from this operation were way above the average of the other night clubs which were being operated at that time. On a unrecalled night shortly after World War II he entered the Playhouse but found [REDACTED] extremely upset over the fact that two unidentified hoodlums reportedly hired by PALERMO and LA PORTE had during the noon hour dropped two "stink bombs" in the Playhouse while the bartender was operating the establishment. The odor from these bombs on the stage and in the carpeting made it necessary for the club to close that day for the purpose of fumigation. Upon its reopening the Playhouse again attracted the majority of customers and operated smoothly for several days until a representative of the Bartender's Union appeared and ordered the bartender from behind the bar since the Playhouse had failed to join the union. Upon going outside it was noted that the establishment was being picketed by various Italian individuals who were normally employed in other strip joints in Calumet City.

CG T-25 advised that shortly thereafter [REDACTED] advised informant that he "must go with the boys to stay open" and thereafter had agreed to be on a 50 to 50 basis with the LA PORTE group. Informant stated that from talking with KELLER he realized that under LA PORTE's direction, PALERMO, FRANZE and others had "muscled" their way into the ownership of the Playhouse and other taverns. The Playhouse soon appeared to be operating completely under the direction of PALERMO. Informant continued to be familiar with the activities in the Playhouse and soon realized that the PALERMOS, LA PORTE, ACCARDO and PILOTTO were closely associated in a syndicate operation which apparently was offering a "protection service" to the more prominent night spots in Calumet City.

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CG T-25 stated that during this same period of time the now famous "Owl Club" a known big time gambling "joint" was operating under the ownership of TONY ACCARDO and FRANK LA PORTE. The money from this club often amounted from \$80,000 to \$100,000 daily which was placed in a vault at the Playhouse for safe keeping. He recalled that JOE BARNETT who has resided at the Hammond Hotel, Hammond, Indiana, for the past 25 years was an "overseer" at the club and although he appears unemployed at this time has maintained a close association with LA PORTE. He advised that [redacted] present operator of a car wash located at State and Stateline, Hammond, Indiana, formerly was a bookkeeper for the LA PORTE interests in Calumet City and to CG T-25 is the only known individual that was ever involved in the rackets who was allowed to choose an outside profession and completely break away from this syndicate.

CG T-25 advised that [redacted] continues to own and supervise all night clubs located on Plumber Street, Calumet City. [redacted] is a close friend and has advised on several occasions that his places on Plumber Street have no connection with those on State Street which are supervised and owned by LA PORTE. He stated, however, that [redacted] is a very close associate of SAM GUZZINO, whom the informant feels is also a "LA PORTE man" in Calumet City. Informant states that FRANK NICK ZIZZO who controls gambling and bookmaking in Hammond, Indiana, is related to DOMINICK PALERMO and he believes that he is PALERMO's nephew.

CG T-13 advised that FRANK LA PORTE is the "big man" in southern Cook County and answers only to SAM GIANCANA, the number one man in the Chicago organized crime. LA PORTE controls all gambling and prostitution in southern Cook County and Will County, Illinois. He has recently opened up new operations in Joliet, Illinois. His joints in Calumet City are now closed down and the only thing that goes now is strictly over the counter business. He explained this as meaning that the only thing one can take now from the customers or suckers is what the person puts on the bar. Most of the Calumet City operations have now moved to Torence Avenue in Calumet City and Lansing, Illinois.

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NICK GUZZINO and his brother JOE are big men in LA PORTE's operations and control prostitution and gambling in the Calumet City--Chicago Heights area. JOE CUZZINO resides at 1065 Wentworth, Calumet City, and drives a 1962 black Cadillac, 1962 Illinois license 968-419. NICKIE GUZZINO, a son of NICK GUZZINO, has done muscle work and jobs for the "outfit". NICKIE is an avid gambler. He is living with [redacted] who for years has operated the Palace Bar in Calumet City which is owned by "TOOTSIE" PALERMO another associate of LA PORTE's. PHIL BACINO is a big man in LA PORTE's "outfit" and is a close associate of LA PORTE. He is more or less considered the legitimate end of the rackets in Calumet City. RAY MALEK, former Chief of Police, Calumet City, has a financial interest in the Oaks Motel at 154th and Tarence Avenue, Calumet City. The Oak is supposedly owned by LA PORTE.

The attorney used by the "outfit" people in the Chicago Heights area is [redacted] Chicago Heights. He has a reputation to be able to fix all cases held in southern Cook County. He is the law partner of ANTHONY SCARNIO, Representative to the Illinois House of Representatives. FRANK LUZZI, 1911 Halsted, Chicago Heights, is the bondsman used by all people connected with the "outfit". The accountant used by the "outfit" people including the strippers and prostitutes for their income tax problems is [redacted] Chicago Heights.

The Cape Cod Club in Burnham, Illinois, is a former gambling joint and known hangout and meeting place of FRANK LA PORTE. In order to gain entrance to the Cape Cod Club, you must have a club card which you insert into the main door. The Club has been recently remodeled and is now very plush. At approximately 5:15 a.m. on March 30, 1962, a woman was observed bringing a tray of food to the Club and taking it to the back room on the right side. CG T-13 believed that FRANK LA PORTE is hiding out in the back room. His belief is based on the fact that he noticed approximately six or seven "security guards" which formerly were not there and the fact that food was being brought in.

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LA PORTE has moved a good deal of his activities to Joliet, Illinois. The Zaza Lounge and Club and the Show Club both in Joliet are owned by SAM MITCHELL for LA PORTE's benefit.

CG T-18 stated that in 1947 LA PORTE along with JOHN PERRY and others opened a gambling house in Calumet City using the name the "Owl Club". Shortly thereafter, TONY ACCARDO was admitted to an interest. This partnership continued until 1948 when one [redacted] was listed as a profit sharing partnership in exchange for his bookkeeping and managerial ability. The latter did not share in the losses but did share in the profits. The partnership continued until the early 1950's when it was discontinued following the KEFAUVER investigations. Informant stated that LA PORTE then concentrated on sneak operations of slot machines in southern Cook County and pinball machines in northern Indiana. In recent years he has disposed of most slot machines and invested his money in ready-mixed concrete and some retail businesses. In 1958 LA PORTE invested in an uranium mine on the California-Nevada border. According to the informant in 1959 LA PORTE transferred a low six figure amount of cash to a bank in the State of Sonora in Mexico and is reported to have a 40 per cent interest in a gambling house located in Acapulco, Mexico. His principle interest is now the investment as a partner in the Cooperative Music Company with notes receivable from Lincoln Wholesale Distributor of Chicago Heights and the Regal Vending Company, Chicago, Illinois, and partnership interest in five taverns and night clubs in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-13 advised on May 16, 1962, that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Chicago Heights has eight slot machines in operation. He stated these machines are rigged on a bench with rollers in order that the machines can readily be concealed. He advised that there are two 25¢ machines, two 5¢ machines, and four 10¢ machines. The individual who operates the Veterans Hall talks about FRANK LA PORTE as if they are personally acquainted.

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VIII. POLICE PROTECTION AND POLITICAL TIES

CG T-26 advised during the fall of 1960, that SAM GIANCANA was making grandiose plans for the replacement of individuals holding state political appointed jobs, particularly with the State Police set up, in view of the recent election in which the incumbent Republican administration for Illinois was defeated. It was indicated to the informant that FRANK LA PORTE named by the informant as a representative of the GIANCANA element in southern Cook County, Illinois, as of that time was situated well with the State Police organizational set up in southern Cook County, particularly through Captain RUSSELL JACOBS, Acting Captain of the Blue Island, Illinois State Police District, which district covered the area in which LA PORTE was interested. Informant stated that Captain JACOBS was placed in charge of all gambling and vice in the northern part of Illinois, which according to this informant, gave LA PORTE more or less of a free hand. It was indicated to the informant that Captain JACOBS received a considerable amount of money on a monthly stipend for services he performed for the interests of GIANCANA, LA PORTE, and others.

CG T-26 stated that the jurisdiction of Captain JACOBS was a little more than he could handle at the time so that Captain [redacted] was made Battalion Commander of the 2nd District, Illinois State Highway Police covering Elgin, Illinois, and the northeast sections of the state. Informant indicated that [redacted] in turn performed services and was on the payroll of [redacted]

CG T-26 advised in the fall of 1960, that the problem LA PORTE had with his police relations in southern Cook County lay in the fact that in paying off certain police officials in his area the problem mushroomed to the point that it was necessary to pay off all the way down the line from captains to patrolmen. This cut considerably into the profits of the group furthering their illegal activities in that area, but it was decided, according to this informant, that this was a necessary evil.

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CG T-26 advised in the fall of 1960, that Lieutenant [redacted] Commanding Officer of the 5th District, Illinois State Highway Police, Joliet, Illinois, had been moved recently from his position as Assistant to Captain JACOBS to his present position primarily because of the fact that Captain [redacted] had become perturbed that Lieutenant [redacted] had not been giving him, [redacted] his fair share of the payoff from persons engaged in illegal activities in the southern Cook County area. It was stated that in addition to gambling activities, Captains [redacted] collected from houses of prostitution, overweight trucks, and any other situation where an illegal operation was in progress.

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CG T-26 said that Captain [redacted] for example received \$1,850 per month in the form of payoff from [redacted] FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted]. The informant described [redacted] as the coin machine operator connected with GIANCANA and others and said that [redacted] was a representative of GIANCANA in gambling enterprises in Cicero, Illinois. Informant continued that FRANK LA PORTE had intimated that extra income could be derived by sharing the payoff which Captain [redacted] has been getting for quite some time from overweight trucking operations in northern Illinois which amounted to an estimated quarter of a million dollars per year.

An article appearing in the "Chicago Heights Star", a bi-weekly newspaper, on November 3, 1960, entitled "Inspector of Sub-divisions is Appointed", reflected that DOMINIC FRANZE had assumed the duties of sub-division inspector in Chicago Heights, Illinois. FRANZE's duties would include inspection of any new sub-divisions to see that improvements conformed to city regulations.

It was pointed out that DOMINIC is the brother of TONY and FRANK FRANZE, who are chief lieutenants and relatives of FRANK LA PORTE in his legal and illegal operations. Another brother was convicted in federal court approximately three years ago for violation of the Anti-Racketeering Act in that he was "shaking down" contractors on government projects. The conviction was in the Springfield, Illinois, area.

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CG T-27 advised that he is certain that [redacted]

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to run in the Hammond area unmolested. He stated that [redacted]
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payoff money comes from FRANK P. CEASE, who is reportedly, according to the informant, a nephew of DOMINIC "TOOTS" PALERMO. Informant stated that PALERMO is a former bodyguard and now business associate of FRANK LA PORTE. Informant further stated that CEASE has complete control of Hammond, Indiana, gambling and operates his gambling activities under the front of the Midwest Siding and Insulating Company at 1516 Hohman, Hammond. There are five telephones located at this address.

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois, advised on January 6, 1962, that when the subject's wife shot herself he received telephone calls from several unnamed officials of the Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, who requested that he not notify any newspapers of the attempted suicide, and further that he attempt to keep the shooting as quiet as possible. Chief PAULING said that he has been in police work at Flossmoor for twenty-six years. He has in this period of time observed numerous activities of the Chicago Heights Police Department. Flossmoor is located as the first village north of Chicago Heights, Illinois. The chief advised that it was fairly common knowledge in law enforcement circles that near Christmas time FRANK LA PORTE would come directly to the Chicago Heights Police Department and would hand out envelopes to all but one or two of the police officers of that department. It was generally assumed that these envelopes contained various amounts of money and that LA PORTE through this method controlled the operations of the police department. In recent years, because of bad publicity, LA PORTE ceased to come to the department and instead the police could be observed going into the Cooperative Music Company and obtaining their envelopes. During the Christmas of 1961, Chief PAULING stated he

understood that FRANK LUZZI, the bondsman and nephew of the subject, passed the envelopes to a more selected group in the Chicago Heights Police Department.

Chief PAULING further advised that although he had no specific information to back up his statement, he often wondered why LA PORTE seemed to leave his residence on the days before a United States National or a Senate Investigator would approach him regarding a subpoena. Chief PAULING stated that he had observed LA PORTE disappear in 1958 and again in 1961 which would indicated that LA PORTE has "contacts" in Chicago who are able to advise him of the issuance of subject's subpoena in time for him to leave prior to its being served.

Chief PAULING further advised that when LA PORTE decided to build his residence in Flossmoor, Illinois, this was the first time he had met LA PORTE in person. He stated he was introduced to LA PORTE through [redacted] of Chicago Heights who drove LA PORTE to the Flossmoor Police Department. He recalled that [redacted] stated that LA PORTE wanted to build a house in Flossmoor and explained that he was an "all right guy". He requested that PAULING give LA PORTE any assistance he could, and in return LA PORTE would be very generous to him. It is noted that [redacted]

CG T-19 advised on April 18, 1962, that on April 16, 1962, CARL RELI, former Chief of Police, Markham, Illinois, was in the company of LA PORTE and Alderman VITO MARZULLO of Chicago. Informant stated that LA PORTE is a close associate and friend of MARZULLO and RELI. Recently MARZULLO and RELI made a trip to California to contact LA PORTE. Informant described MARZULLO as the Democratic whip for Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY of Chicago. MARZULLO travels to Springfield, Illinois, where he does considerable lobbying for Chicago's interest in the State Congress. MARZULLO is a close personal friend and associate of PAT ROMANO and one UZINO, both of whom are Illinois State Representatives. Informant stated that MARZULLO spends considerable time with these two individuals and they frequent the "Supper Club" in Springfield and MARZULLO is alleged to be a part owner.

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Recently the Springfield Office advised that the Supper Club in Springfield is a meeting place for various dignitaries. It indicated that investigation is presently being conducted into the ownership of the club.

Officer DON RIECKET, Traffic Detail, Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on May 10, 1962, that he has on occasion ticketed automobiles belonging to friends of the subject. Many times he has been in the police station when the Cooperative Music Company would call the police department regarding these tickets. He stated that the usual procedure is for the desk sergeant or lieutenant to send a patrolman to the Cooperative Music Company and pick up the tickets and return them to the station where the original ticket would be removed for the file and destroyed.

CG T-14 advised on November 8, 1961, that in 1959 the Royal Novelty Company filed a tax return showing that they owned slot machines at the Lansing Sportmen's Club, Lansing, Illinois. This partnership listed numerous individuals some of whom are also partners in the Cooperative Music Company and the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company. Informant also noted that one of these individuals, HARRY BERG, has been a long time installer and repairman of slot machines for the LA PORTE "mob". According to the informant, BERG is presently sixty-five years old and not active. He is a close friend and associate of Chief PHILIP HOWARD of the Chicago Heights police. Informant states that the two of them are frequently seen drinking together at Cipriano's Restaurant in Chicago Heights.

CG T-28 advised that he personally does not know FRANK LA PORTE but has known him by reputation from years past. He advised that a lieutenant on the Joliet Police Department by the name of [redacted] is a close friend of ARMOND D'ANDREA, who is a close associate and relation of LA PORTE. Informant advised that [redacted] has been seen on one or two occasions in the company of both D'ANDREA and FRANK LUZZI at the Cloister Night Club in Joliet. Informant further advised that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Joliet Police Department and Assistant Police Chief [redacted] have been known to associate and be friendly with FRANCIS CURRY, who runs LA PORTE's operation in Joliet. Informant stated that Lieutenant ZEAR, when he was married approximately eight years ago, received a wedding present from FRANCIS CURRY. Informant further stated that it has been rumored that Lieutenant [redacted] and Assistant Chief [redacted] have chauffeured CURRY on occasions.

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CG T-29 on May 16, 1962, advised that one [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Will County, Illinois, told him that he, [redacted] is a personal friend of FRANCIS CURRY of Joliet and FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago Heights. [redacted] told informant that he did personal favors for both of them and that he recently drove CURRY to the airport when he boarded a flight for Florida. He told informant that CURRY was instrumental in getting him, [redacted] a job with the sheriff's office.

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Captain [redacted] Chicago Heights Fire Department, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] on May 25, 1962. He advised that [redacted] who is a brother-in-law to subject FRANK LA PORTE. Captain [redacted] advised that he is of the opinion ROSS is a hard-working individual who is not involved in any illegal operations. He stated he has no information that FRANK LA PORTE is involved in any illegal operations and that it is his opinion he is being "smeared" because of his Italian extraction. [redacted] stated that he personally has always worked hard and that he has never been requested by any of his relatives to assist them in any illegal operations. [redacted] further indicated that he had other relatives who were on the Chicago Heights Fire Department and Police Department and in his knowledge none of them were involved in any activities other than enforcing the laws of Chicago Heights.

IX. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Wilco Music and Tobacco Company
1728 Halsted
Chicago Heights, Illinois and
1323 North Raynor
Joliet, Illinois

CG T-18 advised that he has made inquiry into the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and he noted that they also maintained a store at Joliet, Illinois. The owners of this partnership are listed as FRANK FRANZE, FRANK LA PORTE, LEO PILOTTI, ALBERT PILOTTI, PETER ZARANTE, and SAM D'GIOVANNI.

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On January 12, 1961, informant said that this company had cash in bank amounting to \$9,000, merchandise of \$15,525, fixtures and equipment of \$100,785, with total assets of \$125,310. Sales of this company are estimated at over \$100,000 per year. The volume is said to be steady and currently netting profits. Out of town banking affiliations are maintained. The company operates coin operated phonographs and cigarette vending machines in Will County, Illinois. These are placed in various taverns and restaurants. It employs three individuals. The location is a two story brick building on Main Street with 500 square feet of space. A branch of this company is operated at 2 North Des Plaines Street, Joliet, Illinois.

According to the informant, partnership was formed in 1947, succeeding the Kelly Music and Tobacco Company. FRANK FRANZE, age 43, married, born in Illinois, served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1946. He also appears as a partner in the Cooperative Music Company of Chicago Heights. LEO PILOTTI, age 42, married, born in the United States, was employed as a laborer locally until admitted to to partnership in 1947. ALBERT PILOTTI, age 51, married, born in the United States, was employed as a business agent by the Hod Carriers Union in Chicago Heights. D'GIOVANNI, age 56, married, born in the United States, self-employed in retail liquor line on January 14, 1960. FRANZE indicated there was no inter-company transactions with Cooperative Music. Informant said that FRANK LA PORTE, who was born FRANK LIPPERTE in 1905, about 1924 assumed the name of LA PORTE and has since continued to use the latter. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, LA PORTE was associating with one DOMINICK ROBERTI and one VINCENZO AMMERATTO alias JIM EMERY in the operation of two houses of prostitution located at 1643 East End Avenue and the other at 19th and East End Avenue in Chicago Heights. In the late 1930s, LA PORTE entered partnership with one JOHN PERRY, and JIM EMERY in operation of slot machines south of Route 6 to the Will County Line. At the same time, he entered another partnership with one FRANCIS CURRY in the operation of slot machines in Will County, Illinois. The partnership with LA PORTE, EMERY, and PERRY also controlled all handbooks in southern Cook County either by direct ownership or as "lay-off" brokers.

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On 1943, LA PORTE entered the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge in 1945. He returned to the Chicago Heights, Illinois, area and started the Cooperative Music Company. That concern leases coin operated phonographs in southern Cook County, Illinois. From time to time the partnership interest of that concern has changed; however, LA PORTE has remained in it since the conception of the company. In 1955, by agreement, a merger was made with one CONSTANT TUFFENELLI, who previously had slot machine and juke box operations north of Route 6 to the Chicago city limits. The assets of TUFFENELLI's business merged with the Cooperative Music Company and LA PORTE, TUFFENELLI, and FRANK FRANZE through the merger are partners in the Cooperative Music Company.

In 1947, the Wilco Company was started simultaneously at the time of the death of the owner of the Kelly Automatic Music Company, Joliet, Illinois. For some time operations were conducted from Joliet but in 1958, the headquarters was moved to the Chicago Heights address.

According to the informant in 1954 LA PORTE was sued by the United States Tax Court for \$57, 135.00 for back income taxes on profits made in the Owl Club, Calumet City. A settlement with cost to LA PORTE was subsequently stipulated plus various penalties. Informant stated that he had searched the local police records and failed to discover any arrest for LA PORTE or even a citation for overtime parking.

On December 15, 1961, FRANCIS CURRY, Joliet, Illinois, was interviewed by agents of the Chicago Office. At that time CURRY stated he was operating the Cooperative Music Company of Joliet, Illinois. He said that he was not actively engaged in its operation but that he owns it on a partnership basis with several other individuals. He admitted that FRANK LA PORTE is one of the individuals.

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On February 25, 1948, records of the Recorder's Office, Will County, Illinois, set forth the following information:

Book 1040, page 337, reflects that [redacted] and [redacted] sold to FRANK LA PORTE a farm located in Frankfort Township on April 24, 1945. Attorney [redacted] Dolton, Illinois, handled this transaction.

Book 1041, page 579, reflects that [redacted] sold to FRANK LA PORTE a farm located in Frankfort Township on April 24, 1945. This transaction was also handled by Attorney RIPPE.

Book 1041, page 581, reflects that [redacted] sold to FRANK LA PORTE farm lands located in Frankfort Township on May 4, 1945.

[redacted] Deputy Recorder, Will County Court House, Joliet, Illinois, who made the records available explained that in connection with the above three listed transactions all property recorded was part of the [redacted] estate, but that it had been inherited by three different parties in the family and thus necessitated three different transactions to convey the entire farm to LA PORTE.

Book 1041, page 543, reflects that on May 24, 1945, FRANK LA PORTE sold the property that he had purchased from [redacted] [redacted] South Holland, Illinois.

Book 1080, page 287, reflects that on December 20, 1945, LA PORTE sold the land purchased from [redacted] on May 4, 1945, to [redacted]. The records reflect that [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, handled the transaction. A summary investigation of the records of the Recorder's Office reflected FRANK LA PORTE continues to own farm lands purchased from [redacted] [redacted] on April 24, 1945.

On March 10, 1959, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Southern Cook County, Blue Island, Illinois, advised that on March 10, 1953, an article appeared in the "Homewood-Flossmoor Star" that in the city court of Chicago Heights, Docket Number 18144, FRANK and MARGUERITE LA PORTE, plaintiffs, vs. GUISEPPI PROVANZANO DI ANTONIO and GRAZIA PROVANZANO DI ANTONIO, Et Al, defendants, were seeking a reformation of a deed, dated November 1, 1946, from the defendants to MADELINE and THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ covering the south half of block 2 and block 3 at Orchard Ridge addition of Chicago Heights. The attorney for the LA PORTES was CARL W. MC GEEAHEE, who had just resigned as mayor of Chicago Heights to accept uncontested election to the position of city judge of Chicago Heights.

CG T-26 advised in August, 1959, that [redacted] a Schlitz Beer Distributor in Chicago, was at that time deeply in debt to numerous individuals in the Chicago area. His debts amounted to approximately \$2,000,000. Informant [redacted] stated that [redacted], known associate of hoodlums, [redacted] owner of OK Motors, [redacted] a Las Vegas gambling figure, and FRANK LA PORTE, who is in charge of southern Cook County, had made sizeable investments in the beer distributing business owned by [redacted]. The individuals investing, according to the informant, were concerned with the outstanding debts incurred by [redacted] recently convicted in federal court, advised SA [redacted] on August 2, 1959, that one of the legitimate investments where the "outfit" channels money which could not be reported for income tax was an uranium venture in Colorado. [redacted] stated that \$300,000 was raised but the "outfit" at the request of FRANK LA PORTE. This particular investment was a failure. [redacted] believed that a night club owner from Calumet City, Illinois, with a name similar to [redacted] may have been the individual who was sent to Colorado to supervise the above enterprise. It was [redacted] opinion that he was sent there on orders of FRANK LA PORTE who was the controlling figure of criminal operation in Calumet City.

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The Oaks Tavern and Key Club
745 Torrence Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

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On November 28, 1961, Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that the Oaks Tavern and Key Club, 745 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, was raided by the Calumet City Police Department on October 22, 1961, at 3:30 a.m. for violation of the closing hour ordinance. He stated twenty-eight patrons were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and were released on \$25 bond. All were photographed and fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. In addition, four employees were arrested and charged with violation of the city closing ordinance and for having an obstructed view (windows covered). He stated the manager was charged with possession of a gambling device which was a dice table and a box of dice which was found in they key club portion; however, it was not in use at the time. He stated the manager was also charged with permitting entertainment which is in violation of the city ordinance as they did not possess they type of license which permitted entertainment. He stated the bondsman is named FRANK LUZZI, nephew of top hoodlum FRANK LA PORTE. He stated LUZZI posted \$25 bonds for all of the patrons and \$100 bonds for each of the employees.

Chief LINKIEWICZ stated LUZZI has recently been promoted to bodyguard and chauffeur for FRANK LA PORTE. He added none of the patrons appeared in court and all their bonds were forfeited. The charges against the employees are still pending.

the operator of the key club, allegedly is paying off the bondsman for all the bonds.

Chief LINKIEWICZ stated Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, Calumet City, a former Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago, has issued subpoenas for a liquor license hearing on December 6, 1961, to give consideration to revocation of the Oaks liquor license based on the above violations.

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The Folies Bergere
100 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

On November 28, 1961, Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that the Folies Bergere is allegedly owned by FRANK LA PORTE. They licensee is [redacted] and the manager is [redacted]. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised a customer of the Folies Bergere on November 18, 1961, filed a complaint that he had to pay \$22 for two drinks and for an act of sexual perversion by one of the girls. He stated based on this complaint and at the liquor license revocation hearing of the Folies Bergere before Mayor NOVAK on November 24, 1961, the complainant withdrew his complaint. Therefore, based on the above information, the liquor license expires December 31, 1961, and Mayor NOVAK is not going to re-issue it due to the fact that MAY and JONES are both ex-convicts and they furnished false information as to their arrest status when applying for the current liquor license at the Folies Bergere.

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ exhibited the licenses for the Folies Bergere back to 1955. The licensees in that year were [redacted]. The insurance was to be paid to MARGUERITE MC GINNIS and TONY FRANZE. The Chief noted that MARGUERITE MC GINNIS is the wife of FRANK LA PORTE. The next license available was for 1959, which licensees were [redacted] and JAMES ROSS. In 1960 the licensee was listed as [redacted]. Chief LINKIEWICZ stated that in 1952 the club was called the Rendezvous and the licensees were ANTHONY FRANZE and MARGUERITE MC GINNIS.

Calumet Vending Company
1313 Sibley Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised that his company's owners are listed as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] [redacted] East Chicago, Indiana, and [redacted]

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[redacted] Munster, Indiana.
Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that he has heard rumors that this company is supplying all the vending machines for Northern Indiana and that it is actually controlled by FRANK LA PORTE. He was of the opinion that their actual operations are at an unknown address in Chicago, Illinois, and that this is only a front and sales office.

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Club Southern
110 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ advised SA [redacted] on January 4, 1962, that on December 26, 1961, at approximately 10:30 p.m., he served closing orders on the Club Southern and the Folies Bergere, both located on State Street in Calumet City. The order was that both must be closed. The order was based on false statements made in liquor license applications by JOE MAY, licensee and manager of these two places. The false statement consisted of the fact that he indicated he has never been arrested or convicted of a crime. This action was taken in a joint effort by him and Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, former Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago, in an effort to cripple the syndicate and LA PORTE's operation of these two taverns.

He stated that the actual owner of these taverns is FRANK LA PORTE and that MAY is only a front. He also stated that it is his personal belief that Captain HENRY WLENKLENSKI, former Chief of Police, is a silent partner with LA PORTE in the Club Southern. He further advised that on December 27, 1961, at 8:00 p.m., a hand delivered letter was left at the Police Department by a member of the Illinois State Liquor Commission giving these two clubs the right to reopen based on an appeal to the Commission. Previous to this letter the city attorney had received a telephone call at 3:00 p.m. on that date stating that the Commission was granting an appeal and ordering the city to allow the bars to reopen immediately. Mayor NOVAK at that time said that he would not accept a telephone call as sufficient justification to allow them to reopen and continued to demand that they remain closed until an order from the Commission was received in writing. Both taverns reopened at 9:00 p.m. on December 27, 1961.

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Glo-Advertising Company
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-18 advised that he had recently heard a reliable rumor that FRANK LA PORTE had financially backed an advertising concern named Glo-Advertising. This company is run by [redacted] who the informant described as minor hoodlums in the Chicago Heights area and who are known to have worked for LA PORTE in the past.

Informant advised that this advertising concern is overbetting all competitors to obtain choice lots to put up advertising signs and is underbetting all competitors to sell advertising. The company then discounts all contracts with the bank for cash. Informant stated that this type of operation is an old advertising con game where the company goes out of business and does not pay on the property leased or maintain the advertising signs, thus leaving the bank to contend with complaints from the business and the persons who leased the property.

The Leber Farm
Beecher, Illinois

[redacted] was contacted at her place of employment, the Advance Glass Company, 191 East 14th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. She stated that she and her husband are presently renting a farm near Beecher, Illinois, which is known as the LA PORTE farm. She stated that this farm has changed ownership on four or five occasions and is not owned by LA PORTE. She has never met LA PORTE and has no information concerning him.

CG T-18 advised that shortly before World War II FRANK LA PORTE purchased a farm near Beecher, Illinois, and turned it into a show place. Thousands of dollars were spent in making it attractive as well as functional. Informant stated there was some indication that in addition to normal farming operations, LA PORTE stored slot machines in some of the barns. Informant advised that the farm, which he described above, has the legal description as follows:

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The west half of the northwest quarter of section nine and that part of the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine lying north of a line described as the beginning of the west line of said section nine, 116 rods north of the southwest corner thereof, and running thence east twenty rods, thence south 36 rods, thence east 40 rods, thence north twenty rods, thence east to the east line of said west half of the southwest quarter all in township 33 north, range 14 east, of the third principal meridian; and that part of the east half of the east half of section eight in township 33 north, range 14 east, of the third principal meridian lying easterly of the easterly right a way line of the Chicago and Eastern Railway Company, all in Will County, Illinois; the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section nine, township 33 north, range fourteen east of the third principal meridian, Will County, Illinois (this contains 116.25 acres). Taxes for 1960 paid in two installments \$387.58 paid by WALTER J. SCHILLING. Assessed value \$27,625. Deed Number 795438, Federal Revenue Stamps amount \$86.35.

Cooperative Music Company
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Date June 5, 1962

Records of [redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois, reflect [redacted]

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Records of the Union National Bank and Trust Company of 50 West Jefferson, Joliet, Illinois, on May 29, 1962, reflect that the files of that bank indicated that those authorized to withdraw money from the Wilco Manufacturing Company of 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights are FRANK FRANZE, MARTIN PULCINI, and FRANK LA PORTE. An official of the bank advised the signatures on file indicated that FRANZE and PULCINI signed for the account in May, 1958, and that LA PORTE did not sign for the account until sometime in 1960. He advised that the files also indicated that the card was taken from the bank for the signature of LA PORTE. This official advised that all deposits are made through the night depository and therefore none of the bank personnel ever see any of the personnel from the Cooperative or Wilco Companies. The statements for the companies are mailed directly to the address of the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] Repairmen for Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1323 North Raynor, Joliet, Illinois, on May 28, 1962, advised that they only know of LA PORTE but do not know him personally. They advised they know ROSS and BARTUSIEWICZ but they have not seen them for several months when they saw them on the streets in Chicago Heights, Illinois. They advised they do not know their whereabouts and knew of no one who would know their whereabouts. They advised they themselves would not know how to contact them and suggested that the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, be contacted relative to the above-named individuals if any pertinent information relative to them is to be had.

[redacted] Joliet, Illinois, Repairman for Cooperative Music Company, on May 24, 1962, advised that ROSS used to work with him to repair record machines but that he has not seen ROSS or heard from ROSS for the past three and a half weeks. He advised that three and a half weeks previous to May 24, 1962, ROSS called him by telephone to tell him that he would not be with him for a considerable time and that when he again decided to go out with [redacted] on the route he would again call [redacted] advised he has not heard from ROSS since that time. He advised he did not know the whereabouts of ROSS and the only way in which he would be able to contact ROSS would be through the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He advised ROSS lives in Flossmoor, Illinois, but works out of the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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On June 8, 1962, [redacted] Store Manager, Cook's Equipment, Incorporated, 20 Illinois Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that the Cooperative Music Company maintains a small account with the store. He said that miscellaneous office supplies are obtained on this account by [redacted]. He stated that although it is common knowledge that Cooperative does not more than sell records and music he has no knowledge of their operation legitimate or otherwise. [redacted] advised he is not personally acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE or any other individuals who operate the Cooperative Music Company.

On November 8, 1961, RALPH EMERY, owner of Ralph's Lounge in Chicago Heights, and a partner in the Nola Publishing Company in New Orleans, Louisiana, and JOSEPH COSTELLO, who is a member of the family which operates the Chicago Heights Distributing Company, were observed at the wake of JOHN ROBERTS, whose background has been previously noted. In the past, members of the COSTELLO family have attended TONY ACCARDO's 4th of July picnics with LA PORTE.

Club 21
21 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

According to records produced by Chief LINKIEWICZ, the 21 Club in 1952, 1953, and 1954, was licensed to AMERICO AMADIO and FRANK LA PORTE. AMADIO is more commonly known as "DOC", who is mentioned in other parts of this report. In 1955 the license was given to [redacted] however, an affidavit stated that any insurance proceeds should be paid to AMADIO and LA PORTE. In 1956, the license was given to PAUL ABATE. In 1957, the licensees were listed as AMADIO and JAMES ROSS. In 1958, the license was issued to AMADIO, JAMES ROSS, and PAUL ABATE. In 1960, the club was licensed to JOSEPH MAY, JR., 384 Luella, Calumet City, Illinois.

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Dolton Self-Service Liquor
14057 Lincoln
Dolton, Illinois

Lieutenant [] Dolton, Illinois, Police Department, advised on May 23, 1962, that the Dolton Liquor is owned and operated by JOSEPH FRANZE, 141 West 13th Street Chicago Heights, Illinois, telephone Skyline 5-4261. [] stated he is the brother of ANTHONY and FRANK FRANZE, who are brothers-in-law to FRANK LA PORTE. The licensee of the liquor company is [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. Other persons to call in case of emergency are [] Chicago Heights, [] [] Chicago Heights, Illinois. Lieutenant [] advised that these same individuals own five or six furnished flats just east of the liquor store and they own a building directly across the street in which is now located a trucking firm. [] owns a rug and carpet company in Chicago Heights, Illinois. There is a telephone solicitation service. He also owns a large supermarket and liquor store in Steger, Illinois, and is believed to have part ownership in a tavern in Crete, Illinois.

Lieutenant [] advised that these individuals are now branching into the dry cleaning business. He advised that this group together with one [] of Robinson Associates, civil engineer, who handles engineering for all of the suburban towns in southern Cook County, for 7 per cent of their business, are connected in a new Norridge Dry Cleaning Village located at 167th and South Park Avenue, South Holland, Illinois.

Dun and Bradstreet report reflects that the Dolton Self-Service Liquor Company has sales amounting to \$450,000 per year.

Goodwill Laundromat
3324 Chicago Road
Steger, Illinois

A Dun and Bradstreet report reflects that this company is controlled by [] Secretary-Treasurer, [] Vice President, and EARL VIEAUX, President.

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They are listed as having sales in excess of \$30,000 and operate a non-attended coin laundromat equipped with forty-five washers and fifteen dryers. There are no employees. It is noted that [redacted] is an employee of the Cooperative Music Company.

Skyline Disposal Company
14th Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

This company was a scavenger service which handles garbage disposal in various communities throughout southern Cook County.

CG T-30 advised on December 6, 1961, that on that date a meeting was held in an unmarked garage across the street from a pumping station on Route 30 near Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Attending the meeting were FRANK LA PORTE, JOHN SUPER, JOE LA PORTE, and [redacted] of the Falbo Cheese Company, Melrose Park, Illinois. Informant indicated that he was working in the back of the garage and knows that the Skyline Disposal Service was sold by FRANK LA PORTE to unknown parties for a sum of \$300,000. Payment was made at this meeting in the form of a check signed by [redacted]. During a discussion it was determined that JOE LA PORTE would probably remain in the scavenger company as its manager and would appear on records as the published owner. Informant was of the opinion that JOE LA PORT is a close relative of FRANK LA PORTE.

Records of the Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, reflect that [redacted]

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General Music Company
8020 Lincoln Avenue,
Skokie, Illinois

[] President, General Music Company, advised on June 26, 1962, that he was discussing approximately two years ago that he would like to sell out his business. He made this known to [] of World Wide Distributors on North Avenue. He stated that on different occasions he and [] would discuss different arrangements concerning his selling the business but nothing between he and [] ever developed beyond the discussion point. Approximately six months later since his last talk with [] called him and stated he had people who were interested in buying [] out of General Music Company. He said that [] told him that he had two men interest in purchasing the company. He named the two men as being FRANCIS CURRY and FRANK LA PORTE.

[] stated that he inquired of [] why these individuals would be interested as they are known to operate in Joliet and south Chicago areas while most of the business of General Music Company is in north Chicago and in suburban areas. [] did not indicate the reason [] gave for the above wanting to purchase his company, but it was [] belief that they would have to split his organization and give the stocks to other companies who were favorable to LA PORTE. He said the above deal fell through and as of late he has not indicated that he is interested in selling the company.

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Chicago T-14 advised that the subject in 1955 admitted to an unknown Governmental agency that the Owl Club at Calumet City, Illinois, grossed \$3,600,000 in wagers and from this a profit of \$400,000 resulted. Informant stated that in his opinion, the actual amount of wagering at the Owl Club would be considerably higher. Informant felt that LA PORTE reported only the minimum amount that he felt that he could get away with without running into trouble with the IRS on his taxes.

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CG T-32 advised that an acquaintance known to him as [redacted] (phonetic) allegedly operates a gambling joint some place in Northern Indiana and is presently under indictment (1960) in Lake County, Indiana. This individual recently informed that he borrowed \$25,000 from FRANKIE LA PORTE in order that he could rebuild his gambling house which had burned down recently.

[redacted] also indicated that his partner was [redacted] a former member of the German - American Bund who is currently under indictment for murder in Cook County, Illinois.

[redacted] previously identified, advised that in 1949, an unrecalled source told him that he could get FRANK LA PORTE to finance his existing business for him. LA PORTE supposedly had unlimited funds available for this purpose and that he did not want his name to appear on any record as furnishing financial assistance or being connected with the business in any way. [redacted] declined the offer and never actually spoke with LA PORTE about the matter. He stated that the source who furnished this information was reliable and he felt that had he accepted the offer, LA PORTE would in fact have furnished him money.

XI. TRAVEL

On February 13, 1959, unconfirmed rumors indicated that FRANK LA PORTE and JOSEPH GUZZINO had parted or planned to depart the Chicago area en route to New Orleans, Louisiana. From there, they were suspected to travel to the country of Italy. Inquiry by the New Orleans Office indicated there were no airlines or passenger ships which depart New Orleans for any European ports. The Department of State, Passport Agency in New Orleans, advised that neither LA PORTE or GUZZINO had applied for passports from this office. Further inquiry at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C. indicated that they have no record of any passport application for LA PORTE but they were able to locate a passport issued to JOSEPH GUZZIO, dated March 30, 1958. It was for a proposed trip to Italy. He indicated that he intended

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to part from New York City in May, 1958. The Intelligence Unit of the Chicago Police Department, advised their records reflect that [REDACTED]

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Subjects travel and residences at Linden, California; Lake Tahoe, California; Las Vegas, Nevada and Joliet, Illinois, have been reported in other sections of this report.

XII. HANGOUTS

The following is a list of places the subject is known to have frequented in the past:

Fagman's Men's Store, Inc.,
108 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Cooperative Music Company
1728 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Wilco Tobacco Company
Raynor Street
Joliet, Illinois

Corral Club
(Maxie's)
12880 South Ashland
Calumet Park, Illinois

Zarante's Restaurant
159th and Torrence Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

Zarante's Restaurant
Route 30, one block east of Halsted
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Cipriani's Restuarant
1000 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

State Lunch Restaurant
State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

John's Pizzeria
1242 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Necastro Restaurant
275 East 17th Street and
412 East 22nd Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Club Corisica
79th and Western
Chicago, Illinois

Empire Room
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Coach and Four
Water Tower Inn
800 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Al's Steak House
Route 52 and Larkin Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

The Cloister Lounge
509 North Chicago Street
Joliet, Illinois

D'Amico's Restaurant
Route 52
Joliet, Illinois

Shepley's Garage
2 North Des Plaines
Joliet, Illinois

XIII. PERSONAL HABITS

The following listed items are a composite of subject's known habits and personal idiosyncrasies obtained from investigation of numerous sources:

1. When not in hiding and in the Chicago Heights area, gets regular daily shaves at Simonitti's Barber Shop, 1700 Halsted Street Chicago Heights, Illinois
2. Exclusively smokes the Perfecto Garcia Ensign Cigars. These are sold at numerous outlets.
3. Drinks martinis or scotch-on-the-rocks. No particular brand.
4. Does not become intoxicated but after a few drinks, he speaks with a foreign Italian accent. The accent is not noticeable at other times.
5. Always dresses conservatively in business suits and exhibits a definite preference for brown shades and tones.
6. Wears a lapel pocket handkerchief with initials "F.L." exposed.
7. Wears 4 karat single diamond ring on little finger.
8. Usually is chauffeured when travelling by car but does drive himself.
9. Normally has an associate or bodyguard with him in public.
10. In public entertainment establishments appears quiet and reserved.

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11. In spite of his limited education (four years grammar school), appears intelligent and well read.
12. Prefers a special different twist Italian bread which is made especially for him by the Marconi Bakery, 212 East 16th Street, Chicago. Heights.
13. Has five way intercom phone system at his residence. He is believed to be hooked up with his relatives residing in his immediate neighborhood.

XIV. DESCRIPTION

The following is a composit description of the subject which was obtained through investigation and interrogation of numerous individuals:

Name	FRANK LA PORTE
True name	FRANK LIPPORETTE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Italian
Height	5' 6"
Weight	185 lbs.
Date of birth	October 8, 1901, Italy
Hair	Dark brown, steel gray at ears, balding on top
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Heavy
Distinguishing marks	3/4" circular sear on right cheek near ear, resembles a vaccination scar; 1" scar upper right arm; 1/2" scar right ring finger
Education	Four years grammar school

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Civilian occupation	Cook, farmer, businessman
Military occupation	Seaman first class, aircraft mechanic
Photograph	Not available
Veterans claim number	C4272259
Marital status	Wife, MARGUERITA LA PORTE
Residence	1730 Cambridge Road Flossmoore, Illinois



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago 5, Illinois
July 10, 1962

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
dated and captioned as above at

Chicago, Illinois.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Chicago T-24 has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to determine reliability.

Chicago T-28 has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to determine reliability.

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July 27 , 1962

**FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is a hoodlum in the Chicago Heights, Illinois area.

CG T-2 is a former bookmaker who is familiar with gambling in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-3 is a striptease dancer in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-4 is a former employee of Fagman's Men's Store, Chicago.

CG T-5 is a former bookmaker who is familiar with criminal activities in Southern Chicago.

CG T-6 is an employee of the U. S. Post Office.

CG T-7 is an individual who is in a position to report the health of Mrs. LA PORTE.

CG T-8 is an individual who was an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad and who is in a position to observe the subject travelling from San Francisco to Chicago.

CG T-9 is an associate of ROBERT CURRY in Joliet, Illinois.

CG T-10 is a high placed employee of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

CG T-11 is a police officer of Calumet, Illinois Police Department.

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CG T-12 is a gambler.

CG T-13 is an individual who is in a position to furnish information regarding criminal activities in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-14 is an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

CG T-15 is an individual who has knowledge of Chicago's race tracks in the Chicago area.

CG T-16 is an individual who is in a position to report on the criminal activities of high placed hoodlums.

CG T-17 is a former gambler who has knowledge of some criminal activity in the Chicago area.

CG T-18 is a person who is familiar with some phases of organized crime in Southern Cook County.

CG T-19 is an individual who is a member of the Illinois State Commerce.

CG T-20 is a burglar in Southern Cook County area.

CG T-21 is an individual who is familiar with gambling activities in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-22 is an individual who associates with the criminal element and is aware of their activities on occasions.

CG T-23 is an individual who is familiar with gambling in Lake County, Indiana.

CG T-24 is a person familiar with some of the criminal activity in Joliet, Illinois.

CG T-25 is an individual who is familiar with the State Street area, Calumet City, Illinois for many years.

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CG T-26 is an individual who is closely associated with some of the Chicago hoodlum element.

CG T-27 is a police officer of the Hammond, Indiana Police Department.

CG T-28 is a person who has some knowledge of criminal activities in the Joliet, Illinois area.

CG T-29 is an individual who on occasions, is in a position to furnish information regarding hoodlums.

CG T-30 is an employee of a scavenger service.

CG T-31 is an employee of the U. S. Government.

CG T-32 is a source who has some knowledge of the criminal element in the Chicago Heights, Illinois area.

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